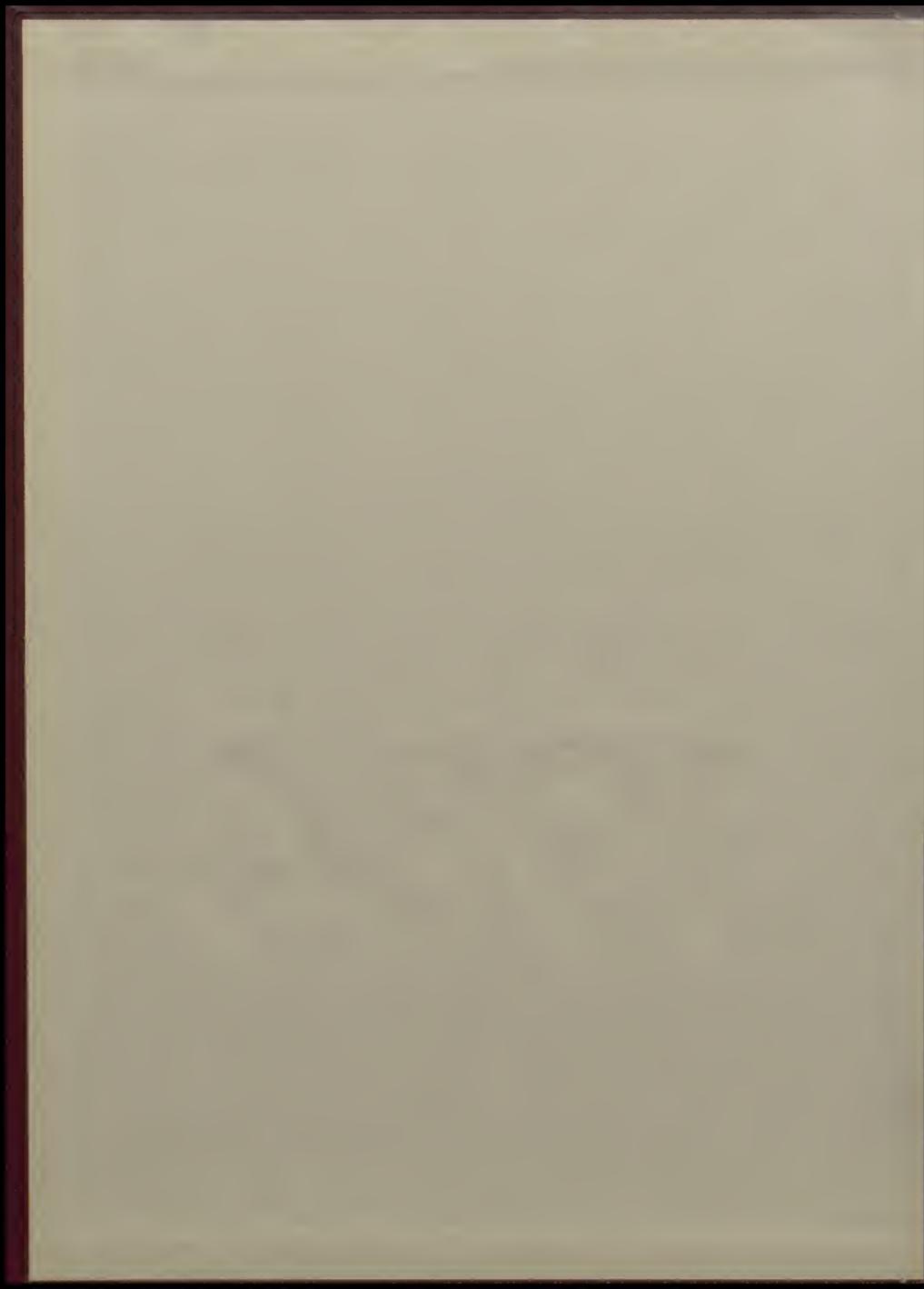
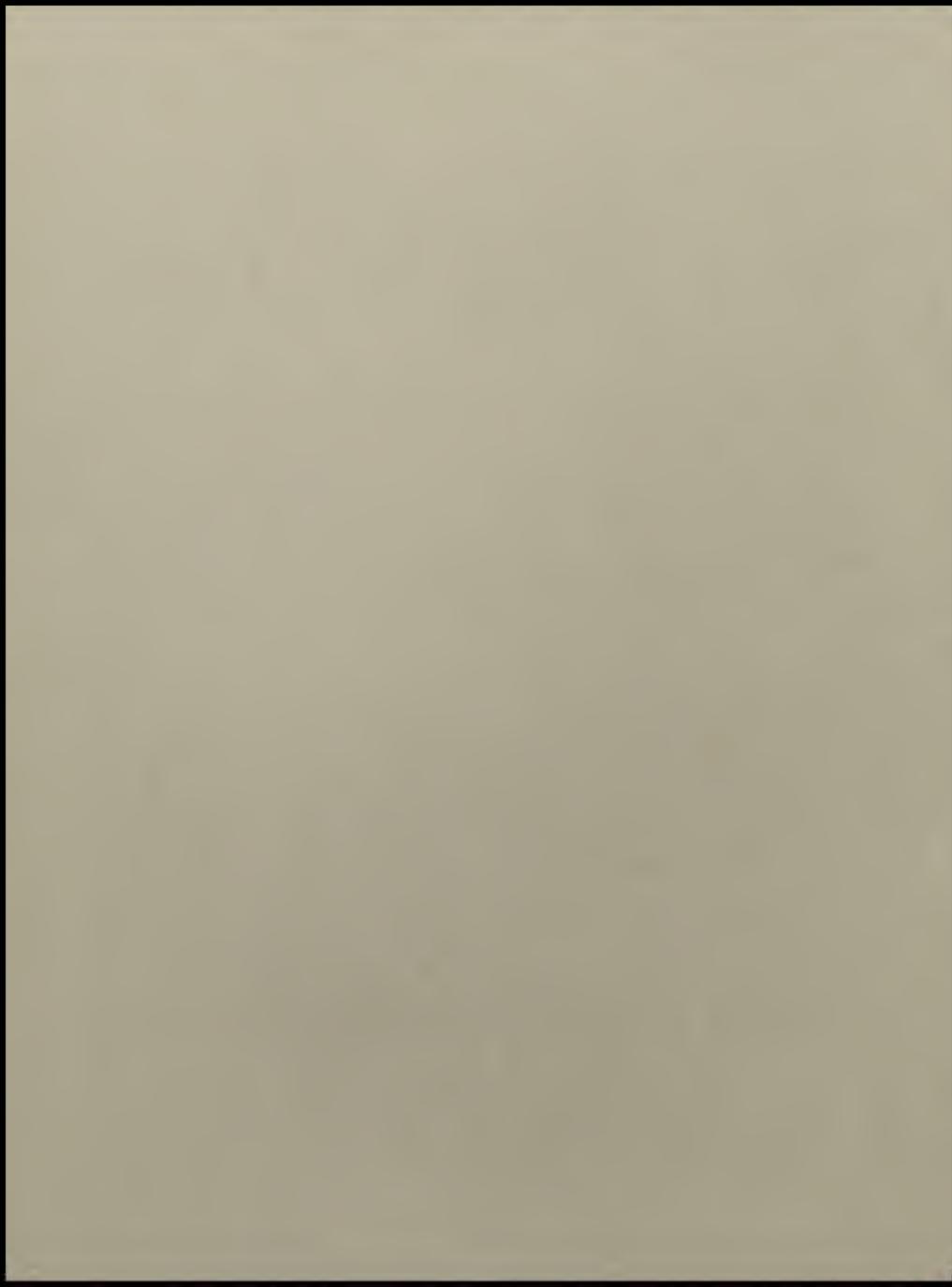


**WATCH US**

**1985**







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# Personalities shine in '84



## Watch us.

Watch us in 1984. We are not the depersonalized people George Orwell predicted we would be in his book **1984**.

MHS Students have proven that we have our own personality. Even so look at us watch out for and help one another.

## Watch us.

Jocks.

Punkers.

Intellectuals.

All were seen walking the halls of MHS. We all had our own groups of friends. The friends we helped, and the friends who helped us, as we matured and made our way through our high school years.

Jennifer Duncan, senior, commented, "I've made a lot of good friends at MHS, and they have made my three years of

high school a lot of fun."

Whether it was in small ways — or whether it was in significant ways — MHS students cared for and helped one another.

## Watch us.

Small or large groups of friends sat around the hallways talking or hanging out at Godfathers or shooting pool at Stardust.

Ken Wilson, senior, stated, "I like to go to the games and to Godfathers with my friends on Friday nights without worrying about getting up for school the next day."

No matter what we were doing, friends were always there to lend a helping hand whenever needed.

"My friends can always count on me to be there when they need me. And friends are always around. Everyone needs

to have a friend," explained Kathy Kimberling, senior.

Teachers and administrators were always willing to put in extra hours to help students with homework or even with personal problems.

Joann Castlen, business teacher, stated, "The COE program is certainly more than a one hour classroom activity!"

Everyone really cared.

**Watch us** — we're MHS!

Scott Modgilin, junior, and Bess Ferentinos, sophomore, work together on an English assignment.

Although Theresa Berger, senior, and her sister, Marianne, junior, compete against each other in the powder puff game, they show their sisterly love.

Craig Kosac, senior, puts in some extra study time during his lunch break in the main foyer.

Spiking the ball to the opponents in a semi-state game, are Gigi Vergin and Meilisa Henrichs, seniors.

# We're MHS: watch us!



## Watch us.

Watch us play.

Rain didn't stop us from having fun during Homecoming Week!

"We had so much fun watching the powder puff game in the rain because all that I had left of my umbrella was the handle," exclaimed Millie Majstorovich, senior.

Students were involved in a large variety of activities during the year. The climax of the year, however, was senior week. Seniors shared their last days at MHS together attending Senior Breakfast, riding around the school, commencement, and finally going to Open Houses.

Watch us learn.

There is something for everyone in MHS's curriculum. MHS offers a college-prep curriculum along with industrial art, home economics, business, art, and many other courses.

Watch us grow.

The Big Brother and Big Sister program was created through Operation Pride. Juniors and seniors acted as Big Brothers and Big Sisters to sophomores at Sophomore Orientation.

Dusti Nunley, sophomore commented, "It was really worth going to because you got to see where your classes were, and the upperclassmen made us feel welcome to MHS."

Watch us win.

Everyone is watching MHS win.

The football team captured a 3-1 record in our cluster.

Jon Rhodes, senior, stated, "The whole team worked really hard to be successful, and we had a great time doing it!"

Also, the boys tennis team upset Hobart to make it to the sectional finals.

Watch us.

MHS has helped us develop our own personal-

ties, while taking pride in everyone and everything that makes MHS special.

Theresa Berger, senior, stated, "Some of the teachers really care about getting the school and students united as one. They extend their help to us on overcoming any scholastic or personal problems. I'm really grateful for this, and I think this is very special of MHS."

Watch us play.

Watch us learn.

Watch us grow.

Watch us win.

Watch us!

Cheering on the sophomores, the members of the Senior Powder Puff team await their game with the winner of the junior-sophomore battle.

Bob Stephan, senior, shows his powerful backhand, which helped us win against Hobart.

Studying diligently for an upcoming English test is Georganne Ard, junior.

Sunshine Society members Michele Kray and Lori Equihua, juniors, welcome sophomores to orientation.









Brian Bardeson, senior, looks on as Merrillville was defeated by Crown Point during the first football game.

Tom Herbert, assistant principal, and his wife, Linda, dress up for the Halloween Dance.

During their free time, Beth Bowen and Karen Kasprzak, sophomores, admire the display of class rings.

Anxiously awaiting their first day of school, students board the school bus.



## Watch us play after school

### Watch us play.

Having a good time is something MHS students know how to do.

The fun started out with the "Back to School boogie" and didn't stop until after graduation.

Students "boogied" in the cafeteria at the "Back to School Boogie" sponsored by the Senior Class.

"It was a great way to start out the year," stated Chris Childress, junior.

The fun continued through Homecoming activities, where students got pepped up for the Homecoming game, at the first pep session of the year.

Jay Anderson, junior, stated, "I think the pep session was super. It really

helped get the football players excited for the game."

Seniors remembered all the good times they had at MHS as graduation drew near.

Mandy Leposky, senior, exclaimed, "This has been a really great year, but Senior Week was the best time of all."

"I enjoyed myself being in a different country during the summer."

Mike Zimnawoda,  
senior



By starting the season early, Louie Spiru, senior, felt the frustration of the summer heat. Merrillville lost to Crown Point 0-24.

Surprising the grilling of hot dogs is Mark Harding and Buffy Palivas, seniors. A birthday party in Craig Kosac's senior, backyard was held to celebrate Buffy and Craig's birthdays.



# *Summer*

## Students find happiness in hot weather



Summertime.  
It's a time for having fun and doing what you enjoy.

"All I did was party, go to the drive in and look out for guys," commented Kendra Decheske, senior.

The summer of 1983 was an excellent year for concerts. Bryan Adams and Journey played at Alpine Valley and the Police, Joan Jett, along with the Fixx, and A Flock of Seagulls played at Comisky Park on July 23.

"I had an excellent time seeing the Police. It was a long, hot day, but it was well worth it," said Andy Guba, junior.

Summer trips to foreign countries were popular this year. Rich Robinson, senior, traveled to Germany, while Nanci Poling, Diane Niksch, Maria Olivadoti, seniors, and Onofrio Olivadoti, junior, toured France.

"We stayed in France for 3 weeks. We had to speak in French most of the time if we wanted to get something across," stated Niksch.

A somewhat closer-to-home summer spot was the ever-famous Y & W drive-in.

Jay Anderson, junior, stated, "I tried to hit the drive-in at least four nights a week."

Many MHS students could easily be seen on the beach. West Beach was a really popular place to go and 'cap some rays'.

Amy Giordano, senior, stated, "I worked on my tan all summer long."

— Tiffini Crownover

**A typical lazy summer day in Mexico isn't wasted by Jay Anderson, junior.**

**At the Student Council pool party, Jennifer Thompson, senior, cools off from the summer heat.**



# Cruisin'



## Broadway attracts many car fanatics

Getting your license.

It seemed to take forever. Now you have it.

Along with the thrills of driving to school and going out, comes the agonies of buying gas and fixing the car.

"I can't wait until I get my license!" commented Eric Austin, sophomore. "I've just finished Drivers Ed, I've held my permit for two months and now it's only a matter of time," he added.

When you finally had your license safely in your wallet, next comes the begging and pleading.

"When I first got my license, I could never get the car. Now I can get it whenever I need it. I guess it's just a matter of trust," said Gail Juloski, junior.

Getting the car. Going out with friends. The only thing left is somewhere to go. That somewhere eventually came to be, the *cruisin'* of Broadway.

Rod Gayda, junior, stated, "I cruise to look at the cars and to meet new friends."

The lights.

The music.

The people.

All are the perfect setting for a fun

night on Broadway.

"It's the people-watching that makes *cruisin'* interesting," added Gigi Vergin, senior, "and there are definitely a lot of interesting people on Broadway."

"We understand that the kids need some place to go, but all that we ask is that they abide by our rules," explained a Merrillville officer keeping an eye on the Broadway strip. Along with cruising comes the rules of Broadway. The rules are basically simple, stick to the speed limit, don't drive through the parking lots of McDonalds or Burger King, and respect the rights of others, and "you can have a safe, exciting 'night on the town'."

As the students gained more and more access to the car, they found driving to be not all "fun and games".

Car troubles, the enemy of all student drivers. "I was on my way home from the beach, when all of a sudden my car back-fired and died. I had to have the car towed and left it with a mechanic over night to have it fixed," said Mary Croarkin, junior.

MHS has designed a class to be the answer to your car troubles.

Auto mechanics is a two hour course taught by Robert Harder.

"We understand and sympathize with MHS students and their cars," stated Mr. Harder. "Auto mechanics is set up to charge the students only ten percent above cost for us to work on their cars," he added.

The auto mechanics class has on the average, about sixteen people per class.

"This is one of my favorite classes. We really learn a lot and it helps me at home when I have trouble with my car," mentioned Jim Crim, junior.

Another car problem is the rising cost of gas. Students with jobs even find that paying for gas is sometimes difficult. "Although I do have my job at McDonalds, gas is still an extra item I have to pay for each week," stated Linda Kruppa, senior.

As we all know, along with the thrill of getting the car and *cruisin'*, comes the agonies of buying gas and having the car fixed.

— Tiffini Crownover



Broadway is the place for many students to cruise on the weekends and after school.

Tom Mihal and Dan Mathis, juniors, learn about cars in the auto shop class at school.



"I cruise to look at the cars and to meet new friends."

Rodney Gayda, junior



On his free time at home, Tim Haviza, junior, works on his car.

After a long day at school, Mark Lieber, junior, prepares to cruise on home.

# Homecoming

Displaying their attire on Clash Day, Pat Armstrong and Linda Christoff, English teachers, participate in Homecoming's Spirit Week.

Representatives from the Senior Class get rowdy during the parade on their Homecoming float.



## Rain doesn't dampen spirit

"It was really exciting, and I was shocked."

Jon Rhodes, Senior



The rain during this year's Homecoming events didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Despite the rain and the early date of Homecoming week, a lot of students participated in the week's activities.

During the week, students expressed their spirit by dressing up for College T-shirt Day, Clash Day, Opposite Sex Day, Sweats Day and the traditional Purple and White Day.

Chris Poti, junior, commented, "The turnout of people participating in the parade, despite the rain, showed that everyone had lots of school spirit."

Winners of the parade were Best Club Float, German Club; Best Car, Spanish Club; Best Theme Display, German Club; Best Class Float and Most Spirited, the Senior Class.

To highlight the week, a Pep Session followed school Friday afternoon. All fall sports were recognized.

There was a dispute about the seniors getting to sit on their own side at the Pep Session. Tom Herbert, assistant principal,

noted, "The Pep Session was volunteer because we felt that we'd get more enthusiasm from other kids if the kids who sat there and did nothing weren't involved. If few students attended, the seniors would be on the same side as the juniors and sophomores."

The seniors got their own side because as it turned out, the entire gym was filled with enthusiastic students awaiting the night's events.

Jon Rhodes, senior, was elected "Mr. Football" by the senior football players. He said, "It was really exciting, and I was shocked."

All students showed their spirit by screaming and holding up signs. The seniors received the "Spirit Stick" because they were rowdier than the juniors and sophomores.

Dawn Halsted, senior and a member of the Homecoming Court, said, "I think it's great that our class finally showed everybody that we do have spirit." (continued on page 15).



The Junior powder puff team gets rowdy before the Homecoming parade.

The Senior Class sings the school song at the pep session for their last football Homecoming.

The German Club float won the award for the best club float for their second year. George Angelov, sophomore, proudly displays the float.



Hiking the football to quarterback Patti Haupf, junior, is center Mary Croarkin, junior. The Juniors defeated the sophomores in the first game.

Running through the Homecoming banner are Branko Jocic, senior, and Bob Scheub, junior.

"I was very surprised at being elected queen."

Cindy Lamfalusi, senior



# *Homecoming*

## Alumni 'come home' for celebration

The rain continued throughout both powder puff games. In the first game sophomores vs. juniors, the juniors emerged victorious, 7-6 in the final seconds.

Next, the wet and slightly muddy juniors faced the seniors. After a hard fought battle, the seniors triumphed, 7-6.

Mr. Herbert, referee of the game, commented, "All three teams showed excellent sportsmanship. I was very proud of them."

After the game, the annual bonfire was held. However, it ended early because of the rainy, cold weather.

By halftime of the Homecoming game, everybody was in dismay, but MHS friends alumni and families still had faith and spirit in the Pirates.

While the band played on the field at halftime, the 1983 Homecoming Queen, Tuesday Grant, crowned the 1984 Homecoming Queen, Cindy Lamfusius, senior.

Other members of the Homecoming Court were Dawn Halsted, Beth Kormos and Dawn Spiroff, seniors. Lamfusius commented, "I was very surprised at being elected Queen."

Joining the court this year was an unofficial candidate, John Malocha, senior, who said it was a last minute decision. "Everyone was daring me to dress up and congratulate the queen," added Malocha.

Many Merrillville graduates returned home for Homecoming. Joe Bardeson commented, "I came to see my brother play." Gene Guernsey added, "I came because my girlfriend was here."

After the halftime festivities ended, our Pirates again entered the field. The Pirates fought hard to the end of the 1983 Homecoming game.

Even though there were clouds in the sky, the stars still seemed to shine on the couples who attended the 1983 Homecoming Dance, "That Spe-

cial Feeling." Joe Zajac, senior, stated, "It was nice to be at the dance with my girlfriend."

One hundred fifty couples attended the dance at which L & L Mobile Sound System provided the music for the evening. The couples were greeted with their names on programs designed to look like TV programs.

Irene Halkias, senior and chairman of the dance, commented, "The dance was a lot of work, but worth the trouble because everyone seemed to enjoy themselves."

Couples went to the dance to share "That Special Feeling," which was sponsored by the Student Council on Sept. 17.

However, Valerie Vessely, senior, said she enjoyed the dance because "it was my senior year and I got to be with all my friends."

— Robin Wade, Sharon Pigott,  
Glory Murray, Chris Franz



Blocking Julie Fratzke, junior, in the first game, is Candy Rathjen, sophomore.

The 1983 Homecoming Court consists of Dawn Spiroff, Cindy Lamfusius, queen, Dawn Halsted, and Beth Kormos, seniors.

Tracy Zajdel, junior, displayed the punk fad almost every day at MHS.

Punking out before her night club job in Chicago is Becky Drakis, senior.



"Fads are as popular as you want them to be."

Lisa Hataja, junior



# Movies influence MHS styles, fads

The hottest item around in 1984 is the "Flashdance" look. Diane Ramusack, senior, said, "The one-shoulder sweatshirts are very sexy and fashionable."

This trend was easy to make yourself and inexpensive. Tracy Zajdel, junior, added, "This cut up look is both comfortable and stylish."

Mini-skirts were also a very popular fashion. Dawn Spiroff, senior, stated, "I like to wear mini-skirts because they're in fashion and very comfortable."

The preppy fad continued in 1984. Paul Matthews, junior, said "Polo cologne, button downs with jeans and a tie are what guys are going for."

He also added, "I wear Polo to impress the women."

Designer jeans have added a lot to the fashion world. Michelle Broda, junior, commented, "I like to wear jeans that fit right and are comfortable."

The Calvin Klein jean commercials are one of the most well known. Jordache and Sassen are also very popular.

Popular places to shop for fashions included the Southlake Mall. Laura Vrtikapa, junior, said, "I usually go to the Mall to shop and end up buying clothes at Ayres."

Yet, Donna McCloud, junior explained, "I like to shop at River Oaks, because their fashions are more up to date."

— Angie Traficante

**The everyday dress that was most likely found at MHS are shown by Mike Miner, junior, and Anne Vavra, senior.**



photos/Kawicki



**Boots have been popular for many years; however, in 1983-84 "elit" boots were worn by many MHS students.**

*Trendsetters*

# Friends share good times at informal school dances

After a hard long week at school, MHS students were ready for rest and relaxation on the weekend.

What better way to rest and relax than at one of MHS's many informal dances?

Since the start of the school year, several MHS clubs and organizations sponsored dances for the students to enjoy.

The first dance was on Aug. 25. This was the Back-To-School Dance sponsored by the Senior Class.

The purpose of the dance was to break the ice for sophomores.

Susie Lax, sophomore, commented "I thought the Back-to-School Dance was a great experience. It let me see everyone I would be going to school with."

Jill Habrych, junior, also commented, "The Back-To-School dance helped me get in the mood to go back to school."

The Student Council sponsored the Halloween Dance on Oct. 26. Music was provided by Dr. Walker.

This dance let everyone who attended display their carefully chosen costumes.

Bret Storey, junior, stated, "I think a costume brings out your true personality."

That's why I liked the Halloween Dance."

The Student Council also sponsored the Merrillville-Andrean dance, held after the Merrillville-Andrean game on Dec. 9.

Students from both schools were invited to attend.

Andrean junior, Alicia Metz, commented, "I have a lot of friends from Merrillville who I hardly ever see. The dance let me have a good time with my friends from Merrillville and Andrean."

Laura Hanas, junior, added, "I was skeptical about the outcome of the dance, but the night turned out great. Everyone got along really well."

The third annual Basketball Homecoming dance was after the MHS-LaPorte game on Jan. 27. The music was provided by Dr. Walker.

David Herbert, junior, mentioned, "The dance was a good ending to a very successful Spirit Week."

Jeanine Kierzkowski, sophomore, stated, "The music was great and I had a really good time."

— Shawna Eberle



While slowdancing, Jennifer Eibel, junior, tries to stop Ray Covert, senior, from talking.



Dean Ott, senior, and his date dance at the Back to School Boogie, Aug. 25.

Joe Zajac, senior, buys a dance ticket from Darryl Bennett and Jeff Howard, seniors.



photos/Kawicki

Dances

"I like informal dances because more people can go without worrying about the expenses that a formal dance has."

Diane Ramusak,  
Senior



Traci Irwin and Ron Vanna, seniors, jam at a MHS Informal dance.

At the Halloween Dance, Danny Bellovary and Jim Marando, Juniors, show what they'd really like to be.



# Fall, spring plays entertain the 'curious' and 'sleepy'

The Thespian Society was busy putting on productions for the entertainment of MHS students.

"The Curious Savage" was the Fall Play that was presented in Reinhart Auditorium on November 17, 18 and 19. Unlike previous years, the cast consisted of sophomores and juniors only. Tim Runholt, senior, was the student director who made the play very successful.

"The play was about a lady who was put in an insane asylum by her family," said Laurie Reinhart, senior, "and I thought it was very good."

Linda Roe, senior, said "The publicity for this year's play was much better than last year, and we did have a larger audience, but I think more students could have attended." After finishing the Fall Play, the Thespians went right to work on the senior production.

"George Washington Slept Here" was presented on April 13 and 14 in Reinhart Auditorium. The cast consisted only of seniors.

Drew Furuness, guidance counselor, stated, "I enjoyed the play very much. The seniors did a very good job."

The play was directed by Bruce Woods, English teacher, with the assistance of Jessie King, senior.

The play was about a man who bought a run down house because he thought George Washington slept there.

Rich Robinson, senior, stated, "There was a lot of time and effort put into the play, but it was well worth it."

According to Dawn Spiroff, senior, "George Washington Slept Here" was very funny and well organized.

— Susanna Eibel, Vicki Tsamplis



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Scott Otterbacher, Carol Gruber, Kenny Moore, and Sheryl Riddle, sophomores, in a serious performance from the fall play "The Curious Savage."

Smiling their way into everyone's heart, Laurie Reinhart, Linda Roe, and Brian Treiter, seniors, perform for the entertainment of all MHS audiences.



Djurich

# Productions



Robert Winchester, Jessie King, and Linda Roe, seniors, dazzle the audience with their performance in "George Washington Slept Here."

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Scott Otterbacher and Sheryl Riddle, sophomores, plot a way to get rid of their mother by putting her in an insane asylum.



"Being in a play gives you the opportunity to be someone else for a short time and have a lot of fun."

Jessie King,  
senior

Are you a "real" MHS student?

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Real MHS students don't eat quiche. Or do they?

In the past it was easy to be a "real" MHS student.

But not anymore.

Times have changed. Along with the changing times comes the changing ways of students.

It takes a special type of student to be a "real" MHS student. Students can be divided into two simple groups: those who wear socks and those who don't.

A real MHS student doesn't wear socks with their boat shoes.

A real MHS student doesn't buy Shaun Cassidy albums.

A real MHS student doesn't buy raffle tickets from a Hobart High School student.

"A real MHS student never goes to the Y & W drive-in alone," commented Troy Terry, senior.

Real MHS students don't listen to elevator music on Saturday night.

A real MHS student never wears hiking boots with sweats.

Real MHS students never shop at garage sales for their prom shoes.

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Is this the real MHS female? Of course, it's not. MHS girls have lots more class and sophistication.

The real MHS male doesn't wear floods and boat shoes. The guys at Merrillville have much more style and physique.

All Merrillville students try to make the best of their weekends. A real MHS student can think of something fun to do to turn the boring weekend into a colorful one.

A MHS student TP's at least two and a half houses per weekend. (Real MHS students usually get caught in the middle of the third.)

Real MHS students visit the Southlake Mall for at least 10 of the 65 weekend hours.

A real MHS student spends three halves of their weekly allowance on video games at Aladdin's Castle.

A real MHS student lives at night and sleeps during the day on weekends.

A real MHS student knows which street is Broadway.

"A real MHS student goes half day," said Mandy Leposky, senior.

A real MHS student has never heard of a book called Julius Caesar.

A real MHS first hour conversation consists of the previous day's happenings on "All My Children" and "General Hospital."

Are you a real MHS student?  
— Tiffini Crownover

# Basketball Homecoming

"The pep session got very rowdy and eventful."

Irene Kourtesis, senior



Jeff Kontor, senior, goes up for a shot as Dave Herbert, junior, looks on. The Pirates defeated LaPorte 46-42.



Baby Tom D'Asto, senior, is part of the Senior Class float. The seniors won the first place in the class entry.

photos/Kawlick

## MHS goes 'wild and crazy'

Big Brother was watching MHS during the 1984 Basketball Homecoming.

The festivities began with a week of spirit with Hat Day, Clash Day, Button Day, Dress-Up Day and the ultimate Purple and White Day on Friday. To end the day's festivities a "wild and crazy" pep session took place in the gym.

Irene Kourtesis, senior, stated, "the pep session got very rowdy and eventful."

One of the craziest students at the pep session was Tom D'Asto, senior, who dressed up like a little baby to pull the winning Senior Float.

Crazy John Malocha, senior, also played dress-up but in a pom pom uniform. Malocha showed off the Pom Pom Float as well as showing all of MHS his sexy legs.

Craig Parker, senior, stated that the pep session was by far the best one we have had in a long time.

For the seniors, the major disappointment was the Junior Class winning the Spirit Stick. The juniors "miraculously" won the 1984 Spirit Week competition.

On a brighter note, Shari Moore, senior, won the Miss Basketball award and Mike Meschede, senior, won the Mr. Basketball award.

As for the night's festivities, the Pirates had a victory with a 46-42 win over the LaPorte Slicers.

Victories at halftime included Sophomore Prince Brad Curcio and his Princess Michelle Sikula.

Also, Junior Prince Jay Mack, and his Princess Karen Kirksey were chosen. The Queen and King of Basketball Homecoming were Dawn Halsted and Craig Kosac, seniors.

After the game, many MHS students enjoyed the Homecoming Dance sponsored by the Creative Arts Club.

— Vicki Tsamplis



Brad Curcio and Michelle Sikula were named sophomore Prince and Princess.

Jay Mack and Karen Kirksey were the junior Prince and Princess of Basketball Homecoming.



Sophomore class members prepared their float for the Basketball Homecoming parade during the pep session.

Craig Kosac and Dawn Halsted, seniors, smile after being crowned King and Queen of Basketball Homecoming 1984.

## *News Events*

Accepting one of the many American Music Awards, Michael Jackson thanked his family and fans. Jackson received great attention and fame from the "Thriller" album.



Senator Gary Hart and Walter Mondale, Democratic candidates for their party's nomination, ran a close race during the '84 primaries. Both Hart and Mondale campaigned throughout Northwest Indiana. The third Democratic nominee in '84 was Jessie Jackson.



Post Tribune photos

# MHS watches the people, events of 1983-84

Unique events made 1983-84 a unique year.

Unforgettable and special people from Northwest Indiana made headlines as well as history.

Michael Jackson, singer, along with his producer, Quincy Jones, made a number one hit album of the year, "Thriller."

Jackson broke the record of winning Grammies when his awards totalled eight. Jackson's fame helped him to become the star of Pepsi's series of "New Generation" commercials.

In May, Jackson and President Reagan began a campaign to discourage drunk driving. Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana and began his musical career with the Jackson Five.

The 1983 season of the Chicago White Sox was definitely a memorable one. Ron Kittle, a player from Gary, was named

"Rookie of the Year."

Kittle batted home run after home run right over the walls of the park. The Sox played their way through the season winning the Western Division. The Sox learned to play "UGLY."

The Presidential primary race filled the country with excitement. Each month contained many campaigns, debates and primaries. Gary Hart, Jesse Jackson, and Walter Mondale were three of the Democratic nominees. All three visited Northwest Indiana. Hart won Indiana's Democratic primary vote.

The controversial movie, "The Day After," aired in November. This made for television movie portrayed the effects of nuclear war on people. Many television talk shows followed the movie raising some important issues about nuclear arms. The "Arms Freeze" movement

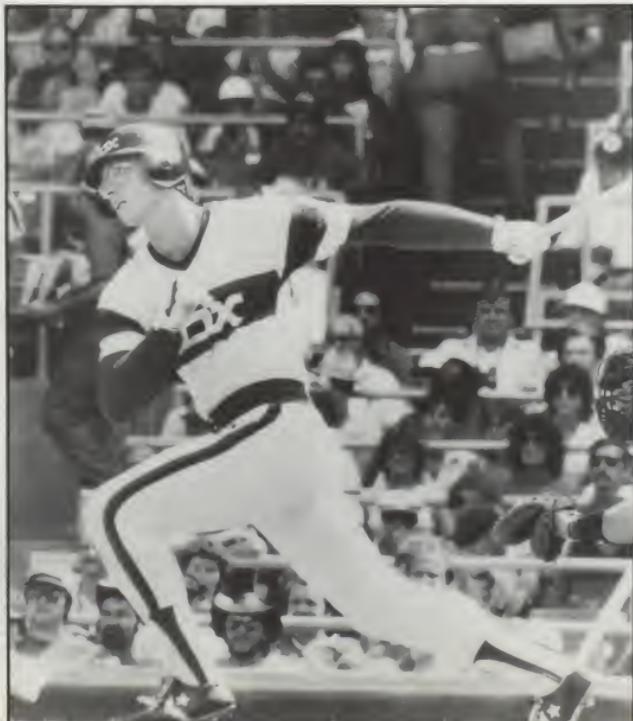
gained momentum in '84.

The 1984 Winter Olympics were held in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. The United States had many talented athletes competing. Bill Johnson earned the U.S. its first downhill medal. Phil and Steve Mahre, the 26 year old twins from Yakima, Washington, participated in the skiing events.

Scott Hamilton, a U.S. figure skater, won a gold medal. The Summer Olympics were held in Los Angeles, California. Diane Durham failed to qualify for the gymnastics competition. Durham began her gymnastics career in Merrillville, Indiana and then moved to California.

The Olympics were overshadowed by the Soviet boycott. Over 10 countries decided not to participate in the games.

— Tiffini Crownover



The Summer Olympics were held in Los Angeles in '84. Northwest Indiana resident, Diane Durham, failed to represent the U.S. as a member of the gymnastics team.

American League's "Rookie of the Year," Ron Kittle, runs for the base as he hits another ball over the roof of Comiskey Park.

# So, you ask . . . What is there to do in Merrillville

Laura Hanas, junior, commented, "There's plenty to do, you just have to open your eyes and look around."

There are many attractions, new and old, in Merrillville that lure MHS students into having a great time. Watch us!

Some of the student attractions include the Holiday Star Theatre on Route 30, and the Family Fun Arcade on 61st Avenue. The Holiday Star includes a pool-side dancing area and bands providing the music.

Mike Meschede, senior, stated, "After taking in a flick, I enjoy going dancing at the Holiday Star to practice the 'walk' and just relax."

One of the older attractions, but still just about everyone's favorite is the Y & W Drive-in on Broadway. Tim Riese, senior, commented, "After working and playing sports, I use my spare time to go to the drive-in to just have a good time."

However, many students think a good party is the ideal way to spend their weekend.

Matt Wilk, junior, stated, "A party is the best way to relax and have fun, plus you get to get a little bit crazy with your friends."

If you're really stuck trying to find something interesting and fun to do, here are some ideas to help.

Southlake Mall is fun for shopping or just walking around, and you may be able to meet new people while you're there.

Chris Weiser, junior, stated, "I go to the mall to walk around and to meet girls."

There are many parks in Merrillville that offer different activities. Deep River on Old Route 30 has beautiful hiking trails and a nature museum with historic information about Northwest Indiana.

Last but not least, good old MHS is always there for after school and weekend activities. There is just about something for everyone.

Theresa Navarro, junior, summed it all up, "Go out, find something to do, and **watch us live it up!"**

— Shawna Eberle



Mizerak

Many MHS students attend the concerts of famous entertainers at the Holiday Star Theatre instead of driving to Chicago.



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## *Weekends*



Vai Pappas, junior, shops for clothes at the Southlake Mall.

Deep River Park is a popular place for MHS students, during the summer for picnics or the winter for fun.

"There's plenty to do. You just have to open your eyes and look around."

Laura Hanas,  
Junior



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# *Formal Dances*

## MHS couples share moments together

At MHS a date dance is a major event. With only four each year, MHS students really look forward to them.

"Date dances are fun because of all the time spent planning for them", stated Gina Gornick, junior.

Two weeks before a formal dance everyone is wondering who is going with who. Did he ask her or did she ask him? And, "why didn't I ask her earlier?"

The first dance of the year was Homecoming. It was given by the Student Council and was called "And Now a Word From Our Sponsors."

K.C. Bell, senior, remarked, "I think Homecoming was the best dance next to Prom."

Turnabout was next. It was called "Total Eclipse of the Heart" and was sponsored by FEA.

"Turnabout is great because it's your chance to ask out the guy you've been

wanting to go out with," commented Julie Fratzke, junior.

The next dance was called "Love Me Tender." It was sponsored by the Sunshine Society and was the Valentine's Day Dance.

Chris Massa, senior, said, "Even though there wasn't a big turnout at the Valentine's Day Dance, I still had a good time."

The last date dance of the year is Prom, but before that is Morp. Morp is sponsored by the Student Council.

Morp is Prom spelled backwards, and everything is the opposite of Prom. This year gym shoes had to be worn and no collars were allowed.

"The Morp Dance is fun because you can get to know the guy you are going to the Prom with," Karen Kirksey, junior, remarked.

— Sharin Pigott



At the Morp dance, Dean OH, senior, and his date show everyone how dancing is done.

Lori Shinovich, sophomore, and Bill Ojace, senior, enjoy a dance at the Morp Dance. Morp is Prom spelled backwards.

Jon Peters, junior, and his date enjoy a slow dance at the Turnabout Dance, Nov. 12.



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"The Morp dance is fun because you can get to know the guy you are going to Prom with."

Karen Kirksey,  
Junior

At the Valentine's Day Dance, on February 12, sweethearts enjoy a slowdance.

At the "Love Me Tender" dance, Paul Flacable and Bill Paige, juniors, save each other a dance.

## Merlin creates magical acts

Merlin's Magic Moments was the theme of the Revue. Many different students with as many different talents participated in the school's annual talent show.

The show centered around King Arthur's court with twins Tim and Tom Runhoff playing the character Merlin. Having two identical Merlins definitely made the show unique.

Phil Pardus, junior, commented, "I liked the theme, the character of Merlin really brought the show to life."

The acts in the Revue varied from dance and comedy skits to instrumental and vocal solos. One cast member, Dave DeStefano, went from playing a classical piano piece to the rock band Pegasus.

There were two performances of the Revue. On Feb. 24, and 25 at 8 p.m. The director was Bruce Woods, English teacher, and Cheryl Hardt, senior, was the student director.

Gregg Schuster, junior remarked, "I thought the Revue was well put together."

— Sharin Pigott

Jessie King, senior, practices for her dance solo to the song "Maniac".

The band, Pegasus, with Ron Bianco, Don Bianco, Mark Williams, Dave DeStefano, senior, and Bill Daniel, sophomore, take a break from a Revue practice.



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Shawn Wojtska, senior, and Jennifer Potter, junior, sing a duet written by Shawn.

Having a royal discussion are queen, Linda Roe, and king, Brian Tretter. Between acts of "Merlin's Magic Moments", medieval sets and dialogue were performed.



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## Merlin's Magic Moments

King  
Queen  
Rolf  
Merlin  
Girl  
Boy

Brian Tretter  
Linda Roe  
Rob Winchester  
Tom Runhoff and Tim Runhoff  
Kathy Schultz  
Onofrio Olivadoti

### CAST

Shawn Wojtska, Jennifer Potter, Albert Kirk, LuAnne Thomas, JoAnn Krasich, Cheryl Hart, Jessie King, Angie Canchola, Laurie Reinhart, Colette Lindborg, Paul Tomak, Dave DeStefano, Cindy Calle, Phil Labash, Ron Blanco, Dan Blanco, Bill Daniels, Mark Williams, Chris Villaire, Jeff Maloney, Beth Jaslik, Lynn Huddleston.

The Revue crew relaxes after a hard dress rehearsal. Students worked for weeks preparing the sets and special effects for the talent show.



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# What to wear? Where to go? What to say?

Movies, dances, the beach or a quiet evening at home together. What do all these things have in common? They are the favorite places to go for something everyone has experienced at one time or another, dating.

Dating can be the most pleasurable experience or the most nervous, disastrous experience anyone can ever go through.

From the boys point of view, getting the date is the hardest part.

Dave Herbert, junior, stated, "I get nervous about asking a girl out. If she says yes, I feel relaxed on the date because she must have liked something about me if she said yes."

Chris Cochran, sophomore, added, "I could like a girl for weeks before I get up the nerve to ask her out."

From the girl's point of view, getting asked out is exciting, but the date itself is the date. The main problems seem to be what to wear, how to act and what to say.

Laura Hanas, junior, commented, "I try on at least ten outfits before I decide what I'm going to wear."

Gina Gornick, junior, said, "The most horrible part of a date is the silence when you don't know what to say. You feel so stupid!"

Most MHS students feel that if you and your date can break the sound barrier,

the date will be a success.

Branko Jocic, senior, stated, "I enjoy going out with a girl that is easy to talk to. If she's a good conversationalist, I have a really good time."

No matter how good or bad the evening goes, all people do agree that the evening ends in the best way possible: a sweet goodnight kiss.

— Shawna Eberle



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Barb Parks, sophomore, and Dave Weissert, senior, spend a quiet moment alone.

If you can't be together, the phone is the next best thing. Here Scott Zobel takes time out to talk to his girlfriend.

"I've been dating the same girl for a long time. I've enjoyed the experience."



Gus Tasicas,  
junior





Kim Zimmerman, junior, and her date take a break from the dance floor at the Prom. Prom dates are often long time relationships, but often the Prom can be a first date for some couples.

*Dating*

A dance group, Kaleidescope, entertained the student body at MHS in February.

Motorists in the Merrillville area had to make a detour when they came to the road construction on Broadway. The construction was started in September 1983.



photos/Kawicki



Terry

Steve Lockhart, senior, gets a shock when the nurse takes his blood for the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive.



"Any move is hard to make, but I can leave knowing that I contributed to the young men of this community."

Ken Haupt,  
football coach

# Watch us reach exciting new goals in 1984

It's been a busy year at MHS. Everyone's been watching us learn, play, participate and win.

Two outstanding athletes brought home state champ titles to MHS. Karen Dudak, sophomore, placed first at the state gymnastics meet in all-around intermediate competition.

"This year our team worked together and encouraged each individual as they competed. This team unity and support helped me greatly to win state," stated Dudak.

Scott Mundell, senior, also won the state title in the 115 pound weight class in wrestling. Mundell stated, "I felt more relaxed this year. I learned from last year not to worry about other things going on around me, but just concentrate on my wrestling."

Clubs were also busy in '84. OEA proved to be a successful new club when Patty Freeman, senior, placed first in the Typing and Related III contest at state competition, and she went on to the national competitions, placing ninth.

"The MHS chapter of OEA is so new, and there was really tough competition at state. I was really shocked when I heard them say I had won first place!" exclaimed Freeman.

SADD is another new club introduced to MHS. The club's purpose is to persuade teenagers not to drive if they have been drinking. Sponsor for the club, Jerry Kardara, commented, "I don't like to see

teenagers drive under the influence — it's a very personal problem because it just may be me out there that gets hit by an ongoing car and drunk driver. We're not only helping others, but we are also helping ourselves."

Individual efforts were also recognized. MHS had six outstanding students to be proud of. Lenny Pysch, Angie Cristo and Bob Stephan, seniors, and Scott Terek, Denise Bezick and Al Winters, juniors, represented MHS at the U.S. Academic Decathlon in Los Angeles.

Pysch commented, "Representing the state of Indiana in the Academic Decathlon is a great opportunity not only for those involved but also for MHS. The invitation to participate shows that MHS's academic programs are just as strong as their athletic programs."

Stephan, Cindy Lamfalusi, and Pysch, seniors, have also been named the three Merit Scholars at MHS for 1984.

"It's a great honor to be part of the Merit Scholars, and it will really help in paying for college," stated Stephan.

The '84 school year was the last year for two MHS administrators.

Ted Klooster, former assistant superintendent, was forced to resign because of a misunderstanding involving the ordering of over \$30,000 worth of pens. Klooster commented, "I regret my bad judgment in even speaking to the company."

John Stone, assistant principal, also an-

nounced his decision to retire from MHS after this year.

"I guess I'm just tired of it. I've had 31 years of education and I feel it's time to relax," explained Stone. He also added, "I'll miss certain things and people, but dealing with discipline is so trying."

Ken Haupt, football coach, also announced his decision to leave the Merrillville School system. He plans to make a move to Indianapolis to coach and to take on an administrative position at Southport High School. Haupt explained, "Any move is hard to make, but I can leave knowing that I contributed to the young men of this community."

MHS teachers were also in the news. The teachers worked almost the whole year before ratifying a new contract. Toward the end of the year, a few teachers got restless and started to picket, and there were rumors of a possible strike. But on April 13, teachers voted for a 3 year contract raising the starting salary to \$15,000 for a new teacher in January of 1985.

Chris Pavel, English teacher, stated, "We started to get a bit disgruntled. The contract is somewhat deceptive because a new teacher coming into this school will not make \$15,000 because that pay doesn't become effective until January of '85."

**Watch us!**

— Laurell Evans

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**Students at Pierce Junior High School demonstrate techniques they could use in case of an emergency during the Disaster Drill.**



## 'Only You' activities continue into morning hours, next day

"Only You" was the theme for Prom 1984, which was April 28 at the Greek Hall. Spasoff Studios took pictures and L & L Sound System provided the music for the Prom.

"The music was really fun to dance to," said Jeff Kontor, senior.

Unlike previous years, there was no Post-Prom, so couples had to find restaurants that were open past midnight to accommodate them. Popular spots were Harold's Club and Jeno's Steakhouse.

K.C. Bell, senior, said, "I liked finding our place to eat instead of going to Post-Prom."

Prom favors were glass mugs and

snifters. Because of the SADD club's recent effort to prevent drunk driving, administrations thought it was appropriate for the favors not to be distributed on Prom night. The glasses were passed out at school the week after the Prom.

After a night of dancing and eating, everyone went home to sleep for an hour or so before getting up for the "day after Prom" activities. Many people went to Turkey Run or the White Sox game.

"I had a great time at the Prom," said Lisa Gatlin, sophomore. "I thought everything was really nice."

— Susanna Ebel



"The music was  
really  
fun to dance to."

Jeff Kontor,  
senior



The annual Prom ritual of taking off their date's garter is carried out here by the guys.



*Prom*



Lou Spiru and Valerie Vessely, seniors,  
each other while waiting in line for pic-  
be taken.



Neil Eubank and Karen Kirksey, juniors, smile  
proudly after being crowned King and Queen.

George Marks, Cindy Owen, Darryl Bennett,  
and Teresa Berger, seniors, step out of their  
limousine in style on Prom night.

# Awards Days

## Students receive recognition, scholarships at MHS

On Tuesday, May 22, the faculty and various generous organizations recognized students of high academic achievement and excellence.

**Valedictorian and Salutatorian:** Len Pysh, Mark Dimitri.

**Academic Decathlon:** Angela Christo, Robert Stephan, Len Pysh, Denise Bezick, Scott Terek, Al Wirtes.

**Academic Quiz Bowl:** Mark Dimitri, Carl Tully, Scott Terek.

**Aid Association for Lutherans Award:** Len Pysh.

**American Legion "Outstanding Senior Boy and Girl" Award:** Joe Pienta, Cindy Lamfalusi.

**Art Awards:** Becky Drakis, Vicki Jewell, Carl Tully.

**Bank of Indiana Award:** Linda Roe.

**Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship:** Janice Liley, Vicki Jewell.

**Business Awards:** Becky Christoff, Danette Kerns, Lisa Surowiec.

**Calumet College Alumni Book Award:** Christine Daniel.

**Daughters of the American Revolution "Good Citizenship Award":** Shari Moore.

**English Award:** Warren Eckels, Len Pysh.

**Foreign Language Awards:** Mark Balazs, Warren Eckels, Irene Kourtesis, Richard Robinson.

**Greek American Brotherhood Award:** Kandy Papageorge.

**Home Economics Award:** Debbie Barnes, Melissa Henrichs, Barb Huddleston, Janet Jaslin.

**Hoosier Scholars Indiana Scholarship Commission:** Shari Moore, Joe Pienta, Richard Robinson.

**Hugh O'Brien Outstanding Sophomore:** Linda L. Walsh.

**Indiana Society of Professional Engineers:** Brian Tretter.

**Industrial Arts Awards:** Kim Greene, Tim Higgins, Tim Ochoa, Tom Mihal, Rich Niles, Ed Yonker.

**JETS Team:** Tom D'Asto, Mark Dimitri, Warren Eckels, Karen Ector, Cheryl Fosssey, Cindy Lamfalusi, Len Pysh, James Rubush, Scott Terek.

**Jim Jaskolka Memorial Scholarship:** Lisa Wilkison.

**Journalism Awards:** Denise Bezick, Laurell Evans, Shari Moore.

**Math Awards:** Mark Dimitri, Scott Terek.

**Merri-Glen Kiwanis Career Camp:** Chris Cochran, John Garcia, Carri Broda.

**Merrillville Kiwanis Police Camp:** Jim Krausnick, Angela Lopez, Sava Micic, Robert Zolcak. Scott Ricardi.

**Merrillville Sports Association Award:** Brian Curcio, Jennifer Thompson.

**Music Award:** Jessie King.

**National Council of Teachers of English:** Warren Eckels.

**National Merit Scholarship:** Cindy Lamfalusi, Len Pysh, Robert Stephan.

**Physical Education Awards:** Karen Dudak, Brad Curcio.

**Purdue University Certificates of Recognition:** Angela Christo, Tom D'Asto, Mark Dimitri, Patty Fargo, Cheryl Hardt, Michelle Knopf, Kathy Krol, Phil Labash, Paul Loznoski, Diane Niksch, Shari Patterson, Jeff Petroff, Joe Pienta, Joan Puntillo, Richard Robinson, Jennifer Thompson, Brian Tretter, Valerie Vessely, Joe Zajak.



**Purdue University Calumet Talent Awards:** Jerald Bandy, Warren Eckels, Denise Emery, Kathy Krol, Shari Moore, Kandy Papageorge, Shari Patterson.

**Rotary Scholarship:** Cheryl Hardt.

**Science Awards:** Brian Curcio, Mark Dimitri, Joe Pienta, Len Pysh, Eric Schrenker.

**Secondary School Principals "Century III Leaders."** Cindy Lamfalusi.

**Skinner Scholarships:** Toby Darkins, Mark Dimitri, Cindy Lamfalusi, Donna McBrayer, Len Pysh, Steve Wilczynski, Lisa Wilkison.

**Social Studies Awards:** Irene Halikas, Len Pysh, Robert Stephan, Vicky Tsampis.

**Boys and Girls State:** Scott Terek, Greg Schuster, Carrie Czarnecki, Colette Lindberg, Julie Zale.

**Suburban Federated Woman's Club:** Barb Huddleston.

**Kirk Vikroy Memorial Scholarship:** Laurell Evans, Jennifer Thompson.

**United States Army Reserve National Athletic Scholar:** Brian Curcio, Shari Moore.

**United States Military Academies:** West Point — Eric Schrenker, Brian Trotter. Air Force Academy — Kevin Bell, Jim Rubush.

**United States Presidential Scholars Program:** Cindy Lamfalusi.

**United States ROTC Scholarship:** Toby Darkins.

**United States Senate Youth Program:** Len Pysh.

**"M" Awards:** Mark Dimitri, Kathy Krol, Cindy Lamfalusi, Shari Patterson, Joe Pienta, Len Pysh, Christine Daniel, Karen Ector, Cheryl Fossey, Larry Kacmar, Collette Lindborg, Catherine Malocha, Melinda McCarty, Michael Meschar, Kimberly Pachapa, Sharin Pigott, Scott Terek, Daniel Wilks, John Allen, George Angelov, Leanne Bell, Geoffrey Chidsey, Lynn Drennan, Karen Kasprzak, Stacy Lawrence, Michael Lisch, Darleen Maryovich, Jeffrey Pastor, Christine Psaros, Candace Rathjen, James Rey, Sheri Schacki, Lisa Tidwell, Brian Tomb, Linda Walsh, Sheila Yonker, Donna Zaikos.

**Perfect Attendance:** Four Years — Rebecca Adams, Mark Batman, Angela Christo, Mark Dimitri, Eduardo Lopez, Chris Miller, Diane Vermillion, Robin Wade, Lisa Wilkison.

— Vicky Tsampis



Sherman Lewis, guidance director, addresses the audience as Bob Stephan, Lynny Pysh and Cindy Lamfalusi, seniors, proudly receive their awards.

Kevin C. Bell, senior, looks on as he is commended for his high achievements at MHS which earned him an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Jim Rubush, senior, was also appointed.



“It was an honor to receive so many awards.”

Cindy Lamfalusi,  
Senior

# Senior Week



After Commencement practice, seniors show how glad they are that they've made it.

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At Commencement practice the Senior Class receives last minute instructions.

John Krausnick, Scott Semper, Jeff Ogleo and Craig Parker, seniors, concentrate on getting their food at the Senior Breakfast.





## Breakfast, wills, practice . . . then the final ride 'round MHS

After 12 long years it was finally here, the week seniors had been waiting for.

"I'm glad to finally be graduating from MHS," commented Rich Robinson, senior.

Senior Week started with the Senior Dance on Tuesday, May 29. Although the turnout wasn't as big as expected, those who went had a fantastic time.

Kathy Foreman, senior, remarked, "There weren't many people at the dance, but I really enjoyed myself."

The next morning, May 30, was the annual Senior Breakfast. MHS seniors enjoyed reading the Senior Mag and socializing with their friends.

"It's always fun to read the senior wills and see who left who what," commented Janice Lilly, senior, as she was reading the Senior Mag.

Jeanne Dudak, senior, said she enjoyed "getting together" with her friends at the Senior Breakfast.

Then, all the seniors went to the gym for Commencement practice. They spent this time going over the ceremonies.

"Commencement practice was boring, but it was nice to spend time with my



"It's fun to read the senior wills and see who left who what."

Janice Lilly,  
senior

friends for the last time at MHS," remarked Shari Moore, senior.

Then the seniors headed out to their cars for their traditional parade around the school. Some students decorated their cars, but mostly they just got crazy!

"I was up until 1 a.m. blowing up balloons for my car," said Susanna Eibel, senior.

— Sharon Pigott

**At the Senior Breakfast,** Paul Simonovski, senior, anxiously buys a Senior Mag.

Bob Fox and Chris Modgilin, seniors, look on as Jean Webb, treasurer, signs them out.



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**"T**hrough all our years of school, we have always looked forward to that day when it would be all over."

Mark Dimitri,  
senior



After receiving her diploma and rose, Melissa Henrichs, senior, proudly walks back to her seat among her fellow classmates.

1984 valedictorian Lenny Pysh addresses the class with the traditional valedictorian speech.



## MHS graduates share final moments together



Good times.  
Best friends.  
Crazy memories.

These were just some of the things the graduating class of 1984 reminisced about at graduation time.

To some, graduating symbolizes an end to some of the best times of their lives.

Nancy Gress, senior, commented, "I have so many good memories. Even though I couldn't wait for this moment, I hate to go."

To others, it represents a new beginning, the first day of the rest of their lives.

Kathi Pederson, senior, stated, "I've loved high school, but I think I'm ready to go on to bigger and better things."

Commencement exercises were on Thursday, May 31 in Engelhart gym. Lenny Pysh, valedictorian and Mark Dimitri, salutatorian, gave speeches.

Mark Dimitri, senior, stated "Through all our years of school, we have always looked forward to that day when it would be all over. Now that this time has arrived, you can see that high school wasn't really that bad."

Commencement exercises ended with the traditional turning of the tassels and the bouncing of beach balls.

— Shawna Eberle

The graduating seniors proceed into the gym to start commencement.

Denise Emery, senior, flashes a proud smile at Mr. Tom Herbert, assistant principal, while receiving her diploma on May 31.

*Graduation '84*





## Watch us learn at school

### Watch us learn.

Students are offered a wide variety of courses at MHS.

College-prep and advanced placement courses are offered to those planning to further their education.

There are also courses offered for vocational training such as Building Trades and business courses.

Many students felt the importance to include computer courses in their schedules. Bob Winchester senior, stated, "Because of advancing

technology, computers are going to be very important in the future."

Though most students enroll in Basic I and II, MHS also offers Cobalt, Fortran and Pascal computer languages.

The math department offered the math clinic again this year. A SAT Workshop was also offered for students planning on taking the SAT tests.

Many college representatives visited MHS throughout the fall and winter months to help students plan for their future

education.

Patti McNally, senior, stated, "College representatives really help when it comes time to decide what college to attend."

Watch us learn!

**Concentrating on a difficult test is Jay Mack, junior.**

**Child development class teaches students how to care for children. Kathy Oliver, senior, helps a little girl put her hat on.**

**Ray Hamilton, German teacher, greets parents at the Parent-Teacher Conferences.**

**Learning how to use the printing press is just one of the things Rich Taber, senior, has learned in the Graphic Arts class.**



Helping kids unwrap gifts at the Christmas party, Janet Jasin, senior, learns more about children.

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Taking notes helps Kim Boatner, junior, to increase her speed and accuracy in shorthand.

Margaret Stallings, home economics teacher, supervises a Halloween party in the child development class.



The future can be pretty scary for graduates, but the home economics and business departments are

# MEETING DEMANDS

Future occupations demand more and more every year. To meet those demands, MHS students took business and home economic courses offered in the curriculum.

Computer programming was one of the more popular choices.

Pete Andreis, junior, suggested, "Taking these classes in high school will give me a basis on which to expand my knowledge of computers and programming for my future studies in college.

Robbie Bothwell, business teacher, added, "It's good to be well educated in

several/different areas because eventually those skills will be put to use."

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Male or female, everyone needs to know how to sew on a button, or prepare

a meal. Gourmet foods and clothing helped the future homemakers to be a little more prepared.

Tomi Dudak, junior, said "Home ec courses helped me to discover some of the hidden problems and responsibilities some people take for granted."

Donna Vasquez, junior, commented, "I majored in home ec so I could be more sure of myself and make sure I do the best that I'm capable of doing when I enter the world out on my own."

— Mary Croarkin



Waters



Mizerak

To help a student type faster, Joann Castlen, business teacher, gives many tips. Many students will advance to using word processors.

Adding some finishing touches, Carol VonBehren, home economics teacher, demonstrates the skill of cake decorating to her students. Cake decorating is offered as a two hour block every year.

Certain English courses are required at MHS. However, some electives are equally important, especially the classes that help students by

# IMPROVING ABILITY

Developmental Reading is a nine-week course. Its purpose is to increase reading, studying and comprehension.

Although there is a classroom teacher, what makes this class unique is that it is mainly instructed by a series of 30 minute video tapes.

The video tapes teach hand motion

"Many students apply the methods and skills they learn in class to other places where they read."

techniques to increase the students' ability to read. The class also offers timed writing sessions and short reading comprehension tests.

"Being taught by a T.V. makes this class different as compared to all my others," commented Jay Mack, junior.

This is the first television-taught class to exist at MHS, and it seems to be very successful.

"Developmental Reading has helped me to read faster as well as understand what I read," explained Carey Johnson, senior.

This program, which has been in existence at MHS for five years, helps students in other classes as well.

"Developmental Reading techniques have helped me in my U.S. History class to read and understand more," stated Lisa Bowling, junior.

Barbara Koby, English teacher for the class said, "Many students apply the methods and skills they learn in class to other places where they read."

— Sharin Pigott

Last minute studying keeps Jesse Guardiola, junior, entranced in his English book.



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Linda Fry, English teacher, reads over an English Literature assignment in class.





Relaxing in the library, Deno Yiankis, senior, finds the time to study for his term paper for Advanced Composition.

Steve Grantham, senior, discovers developing film is a time consuming process. Steve is a photographer on the newspaper staff.



Terry



Teaching her Intermediate Composition class, Barbara Koby, English teacher, tries to explain a five paragraph composition.

Knowing a foreign language has many benefits. It is an English language

# ENRICHMENT

MHS offers three foreign languages. These include German, Spanish and French. All three languages are offered up to four years. Each of these courses teach the student's vocabulary, speaking and listening skills in their respective languages.

Mary Jeffries, Spanish teacher, said "In order to communicate well orally or in writing, you simply need to know the mechanics of the language. Knowing a second language enriches knowledge in our own language."

Each course also teaches the students about history and the different cultures of the respective languages. The teachers accomplish this in a variety of ways.

In German I and II the students learn the vocabulary and grammar of the language. In German III and IV the students work on improving their reading, writing and speaking skills by performing skits. The students write their own skits and video tape them. Ken Haupt, senior, said

that the skits "made learning the language easier because of the actual con-

"Knowing a second language enriches knowledge in our own language"

versation taking place during the video."

With today's competition for jobs, a second language is a big plus. A foreign language could also give the student a head start in college. By testing out of their respective language, the student can earn college credit.

Rich Robinson, senior, added, "Hopefully after taking four years of German, it will help me in future endeavors."

— Janice Lilly



Terry

Finishing the work with the headsets, Cheryl Fossey, junior, gets ready to take them off.

Donna Zalkos, sophomore, receives help from Sean Dwyer, Spanish teacher. Mr. Dwyer was a replacement for Mary Ann Bertram, Spanish teacher, while she was on leave.



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In foreign language, the headsets are used for the development of listening and speaking skills. Tom Wiles, senior, does his assignment by using the headsets.

While instructing her class, Irene Spiro, French teacher, stops to answer a question.

Bonnie Sanders, Spanish teacher, gives a vocabulary quiz to her class.

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During technical drawing, John Schreiber, junior, measures his blueprint precisely.

While in metal shop, Bob Fox, senior, learns the safe way to grinding metal.



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Waters

To prepare for the weekend, Scott Jenks, senior, begins by shop vacuuming his car in auto mechanic class.

While sanding his billiard rack in wood shop, Chris Miller, senior, checks to see how smooth it is.



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The industrial arts classes and the Gary Career Center give MHS students the opportunity for

# LEARNING A SKILL

The Gary Career Center provides many opportunities for the students in the area schools. A student spends three hours at tech and the remaining three at their home high school.

The career center is designed to provide education and training for juniors and seniors with determination and potential.

Credits are earned at tech and are counted toward the student's graduation.

About 50 MHS students are enrolled at the Gary Career Center each semester. MHS provides the transportation to and

"Going to tech will give me the experience I'll need for the future."

from the career center.

The Gary Career Center keeps and maintains a record of past tech students and tries to find jobs to match the students' skills.

Courses are in building construction and maintenance, business, communications, health and personal services, me-

chanics, metal working and technology.

Although a great part of the school is made up of boys, girls do a good job filling up the personal services classes.

"I'm training to become a cosmetologist at the tech. After I'm done, I'll be eligible to apply for a license," commented Linda Hajvert, junior.

Only those students who can be expected to profit through their specified course are selected for enrollment.

Rob Rassbach, junior stated "Going to tech will give me the experience I'll need for the future."

— Tiffini Crownover

At the Gary Career Center, Matt Wilk, Junior, shows Roger Ooms, Junior, how it's done in carpentry class.



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The clinic was set up  
for certain math students who need

# EXTRA ASSISTANCE

For many MHS students the math clinic is providing extra assistance in algebra and geometry.

Any student who is having trouble in understanding these courses is encouraged to attend the math clinic.

Tom Feeney, math teacher, runs the clinic on Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Approximately 15 to 30 students attend each session of the clinic. Around exam time the number increases to 45 students.

Mr. Feeney stated, "I feel there is a need to have the clinic for those students who need extra help other than class

"The grades in the math courses have gone up since the program has started."

time."

The idea of the math clinic came from the administration's Central Office. The program was started to help a large percentage of students who were having difficulty.

Tom Herbert, assistant principal, said, "We are very pleased with the way the program is run and with the dedication of the students."

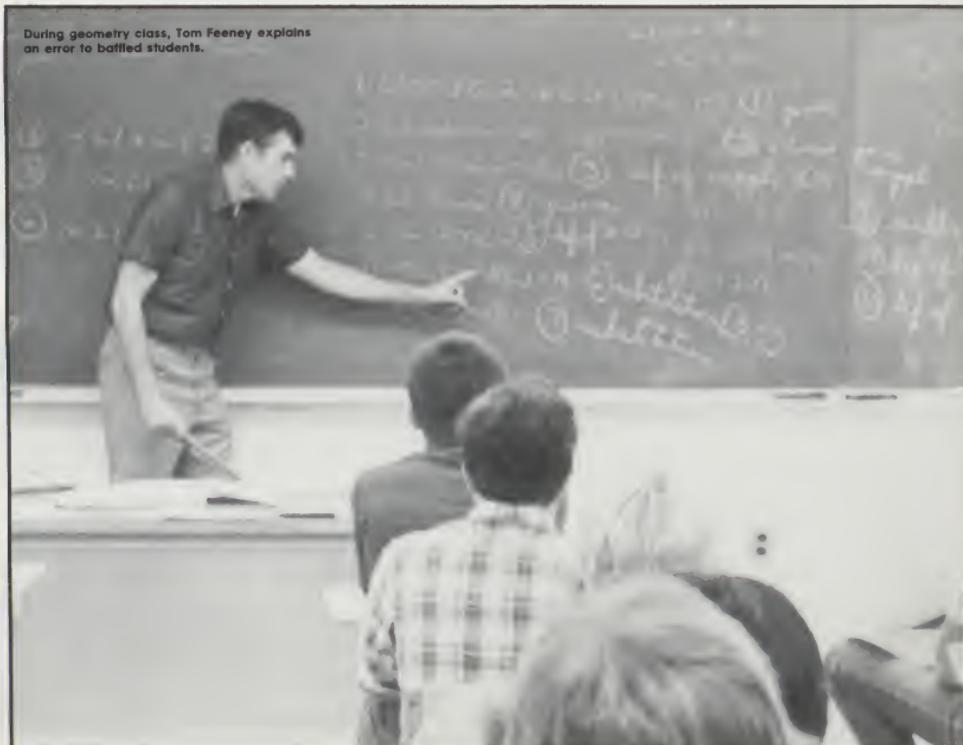
He also added, "The grades in the math courses have gone up since the program has started."

Russ Ippolito, sophomore, said, "Mr. Feeney explains it with examples that you can really understand."

Diane Ramusak, senior, stated, "By attending the math clinic, I've received extra help that has resulted in a higher grade and a better understanding of the subject."

— Angie Traficante

During geometry class, Tom Feeney explains an error to baffled students.





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During computer programming, Chuck Mahaffey, senior, listens intensely to Tom Peller, computer teacher.

While typing in a program, Cliff Fackler, computer teacher, explains an error to Lisa Wescott and Dan Proctor, Juniors.

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Getting valuable teaching experience, Laura Sauerman, student teacher, gives her assistance to the math curriculum.

Keeping her eyes on the copy, Esther Raehi, senior, types diligently in her word processing class.

The guidance department helps students with colleges and careers. They guide students into making

# A MAJOR DECISION

Former MHS graduates who are currently enrolled as freshmen in college returned to speak to those students interested in attending college.

This was the first time the program was put into use. Shirley Matysak, guidance counselor, organized this program to show students the difference between the life at MHS and the college life.

Joe Michael, a freshman at Purdue University, stressed the importance of learning to set a value system.

He stated, "You can't make it through college and pass without learning to study and take school seriously."

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Laura Vrtlikapa, junior, remarked, "They helped by answering questions about the social life at college."

She also added, "They tried to get the point across that college isn't as hard, academically, as people say."

Laura Hanas, junior, said, "They helped show the classes offered at MHS that provide a good base for college courses."

Guidance also assists students in choosing their curriculum for the next school year. Becky Kachur, junior, stated, "In guidance they help you decide the classes which are most beneficial for college."

Many MHS students turn to guidance seeking aid in scholarship funds. Susanna Eibel, senior, said, "Mr. Furuness was very helpful throughout my three years at MHS, especially my senior year."

— Angie Traficante

Former MHS students took time from their Christmas vacation to talk to MHS students about college.





While in the AV room, Larry Lopez, sophomore, prepares a film to be shown.

Drew Furuness, senior counselor, works diligently at his desk.



Donna Dogan, Junior, focuses the video camera in preparation for the day's use.

Kelly Elich, junior, plans her schedule with Linda Davis, junior counselor.





Carefully weighing the substances, Yvette Savich, junior, accurately diets the balance to obtain her data.

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While studying chemistry, Bill Gornik and Brian Shimley, juniors, share a book.

Working hard on his assignment, Bill Parsons, sophomore, rushes to finish before the bell.



In many of the science classes,  
the curriculum includes important

# EDUCATIONAL LABS

MHS lab sciences are instrumental in the preparation for college lab science courses.

These courses not only allowed the student to get out of the dull, everyday classroom atmosphere and into a more relaxed sociable atmosphere, but these labs also prepared the science student for the long hours they will spend in lab in the years to come.

Also, labs helped the student gain valuable information about the world and universe around them. In chemistry the students were taught about the properties of matter and how matter reacts to form

new matter.

Lou Batides, junior, said, "Chemistry is a good education process because it teaches the student how certain chemicals react to give products. It is the students job to analyze this process."

Earth Sciences allowed the students to learn about the earth. Physics prepared students by teaching them about the composition and interactions of substances and energy. Biology lab helped students to understand the genetic characteristics of living things.

Melisa Henrichs, senior, said, "It's very educational in the fact that we are learn-

"Labs helped the students gain valuable information about the world and universe around them"

ing about the different genetic characteristics, and it helps us to experiment and learn for ourselves about the different fields in biology."

— Janice Lilly



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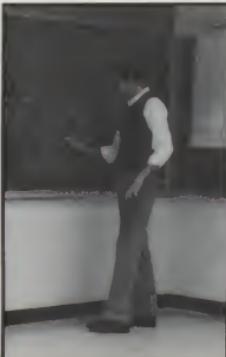


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Kelly Travis and Karen Wilson, sophomores, examine their scale for the precise results.

During chemistry class, teacher Don Slys works an example problem on the board.

Studying quietly, Deanna Riese, Junior, reads over a chapter.



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AP U.S. History courses were offered at MHS for juniors who wanted to put forth the

# EXTRA EFFORT

Those students who wanted a more challenging course had the opportunity to get into an AP History class.

It was not that difficult to get into as long as the student was in the top 25 percent of the class and went through the set requirements. The student started with a meeting in the spring at which time they were informed about the advanced program.

The interested student must then apply for the course. The application consists of grades, interests, and a paragraph written by the student.

This class may not be for everyone because of the extra work involved.

Scott Terek, junior, said, "The work is more difficult and there is more of it. This course is not for anyone who does not want extra work."

The extra work includes outside reading, interpretations, discussions, and extra writing assignments not found in ordinary classes.

After completion of the class, the students have the option of taking a test given by the Educational Testing Service, E.T.S. Although this test requires a fee, a high score will earn college credit at some universities.

Debbie Mihok, senior, who took the class last year, commented, "Although

"The work is more difficult and there is more of it.

This course is not for anyone who does not want to work."

there was a lot of hard work in the class, I found it very helpful."

Andrea Kawicki, junior, said, "I like it because it was a big challenge and Mr. Edgcomb made it exciting. The class was worth it."

— Janice Lilly



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Before starting his lecture, James Edgcomb, AP History teacher makes attendance for his first hour class.

During Mike Regan's last hour history class, Tammy Modrak, junior, quietly studies for tomorrow's test.



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Answering a question, Gene Talmadge explains chapter 23 to one of his Economic Theory classes.

Studying hard, Mark Lieber, junior, tries to finish his AP History assignment.

Deeply concentrating, Lisa Bowling, junior, works on her history handouts.



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School Board members include George Putz, L.J. Christ, Michele Halsted, Arthur Collins and Eugene Carabine.

In charge of the Merrillville School Corporation are Dr. Tim Hyland, assistant superintendent, Dr. Robert Schrenker, superintendent, and Ted Klooster, assistant superintendent.



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Concentrating on her paper work, Janice Qualizza, athletic director, works out a schedule of games for basketball.

Discussing a piece of mail, Dorothy Goetze, secretary, points out important dates to Paul Schuyler, principal.



An assistant principal retires after 14 years. Students will miss his compassion

# AND UNDERSTANDING

Things will not be quite the same. John Stone, assistant principal, will no longer be at MHS.

"I guess I'm just tired of it. I've had 31 years in education, and I feel it's time to relax," said Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone, who had been assistant principal at MHS for 14 years said he will certainly miss the daily excitement of MHS life, but he won't miss the disciplinary problems.

"I'll miss certain things and people, but dealing with discipline is so trying," he explained.

However, Mr. Stone will not be the only one doing the "missing".

Marlene Harmon, Mr. Stone's personal secretary for the past 10 years, commented, "There's really nobody like him." Richard Ebler, English teacher, stated, "I will miss working with him. He has done a great job. I hope he will enjoy his well-earned retirement."

Most students agreed that he shouldn't have retired because of his knowledge of teenagers.

Peggy Lach, junior, commented, "He understands the ways of teenagers."

Willie Cruz, senior, agreed, "He is a

good principal. He gives you the benefit of the doubt."

"From having experience with Mr. Stone, I don't think he should retire because he knows the students and how they think better than anyone," commented Tony Haines, senior.

According to Mrs. Harmon, "It is apparent most students think highly of Mr. Stone."

"They appreciate how he helps them even though he might have come down hard on them," she added.

Mr. Stone was also happy with the students when they finally made it through graduation.

"Commencement is always a highlight, but it's sad to see the people you've known for years to leave," he explained.

In addition Paul Schuyler, principal, added, "I understand his reasons for retiring but I will miss working with him."

Most students did agree that they would miss the compassion and understanding he exhibited daily.

Lisa Regeski, junior, stated, "I don't want him to retire. He's pretty cool. He understands the way you are. He doesn't yell at you and is always joking around

with you."

Illustrating the compassion he exhibited toward the students, Mrs. Harmon recalled a situation with a girl who had extreme family problems.

"We had a policy here at one time where a student could not miss more than five days in a row. A student wanted to take an extended vacation with her parents because of family problems. Mr. Stone let her go and as a result, the family was brought back together," reminisced Mrs. Harmon.

After retiring, Mr. Stone said his plans were "nothing specific but lots of golf with my wife, and maybe we'll travel to Florida."

— Lynn Huddleston



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At the "Back to School Boogie" dance, John Stone, assistant principal, and his wife, Ruth, take a break to watch the students dance.

Tom Herbert, assistant principal, and Pete Santelik, custodian, work hard on fixing the lockers. During the year, Mr. Herbert officiates college football games. This year he was chosen to be a back field judge at the 1984 Rose Bowl game.

Hard at work on the SRA test is Ken Krumpitch, junior. All sophomores were required to take the SRA test.

Trying to figure out a problem on the SRA test is Natalie Kish, junior.



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Taking tests is an everyday event in high school; students learn to

# HANDLE PRESSURE

Sweaty palms. Cracking knuckles. You're trying to remember ... everything. It was time for the dreaded SATs.

The Scholastic Aptitude Tests are designed to measure the verbal and mathematical abilities of each college bound student who takes the test.

About two weeks before the test is to be given, one can notice the tension of the students just by walking down the halls. Students tend to become moody and irritable. Those were sure signs that it was time for the SATs.

Rose Vranisko, senior commented, "All I can say about the SAT is that it made my brain hurt."

The American College Test is another type of college bound test. Colleges sometimes require this test instead of the SAT.

"I thought the ACT was somewhat more difficult than the SAT, but I had to take it because it is required by the college that I want to go to," stated Chris Franz, senior.

The Achievement Test is sometimes required by colleges for placement reasons. There are 14 different tests in various subjects such as English composition, English literature, languages, science, math and social studies. The cost for these tests range up to \$17.50.

Workshops for the SATs were held prior to the tests. They began on March 13 and ended on May 3. The cost for the workshop was \$20.

"I think the pre-SAT workshops helped me out a great deal because the teachers explained to us the type of problems that were going to be on the test," mentioned Lou Batides, junior.

Students began to prepare for the 1984-85 school year in February. The counselors were available to answer any questions students may have concerning scheduling.

Linda Davis, guidance counselor, commented, "I usually recommend to the students who are interested in going to college to take four years in English, and a minimum of 18 credits in social studies, math, foreign language and science."

Sherman Lewis, guidance director, said, "I would say that about half of the graduating classes at Merrillville end up attending college."

Visiting colleges this year was a popular weekend pastime. There were many reasons for the college visits such as seeing athletic events, seeing friends, going

to parties, and the most likely reason ... checking out the college itself.

"A good time to visit colleges is during the school day. You get to see what college life is all about and to see if college is for you ... or not," one student commented.

A large variety of pamphlets, books, audio-visual aids were available to the students throughout the year. The Col-

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"All I can say about the SAT is that it made my brain hurt."

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lege Handbook, The Index of Majors, and the Comparative Guide to American Colleges are only a few books that students have available.

The math clinic was another way students could take advantage of the benefit of getting good grades. The clinic was held on Mondays from 3:30 to 6 and on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 in Room 120.

Tom Feeney, math teacher, comment-

ed, "The math clinic is made available to the students who would like a chance to improve their grade."

A new addition of classes to MHS was the Informal Geometry and the Introductory Algebra class. These classes are offered to students who are interested in a non-tech oriented career.

Dr. Timothy Hyland, assistant superintendent, commented, "I have received assurance from Purdue, Indiana University, Indiana State University and Ball State University that two semesters of Introductory Algebra will be considered equivalent to one semester of college prep algebra. These schools, excluding I.U., will accept Informal Geometry as a college prep math course in all non-math science, technical related fields. I.U.'s decision is pending examination of a course description."

Merrillville's college prep program has, according to many students, satisfied the requirements asked for by the college that they wish to attend.

"MHS has helped me a lot with arrangements for college. The counselors told me exactly which classes to take," commented Linda Kruppa, senior.

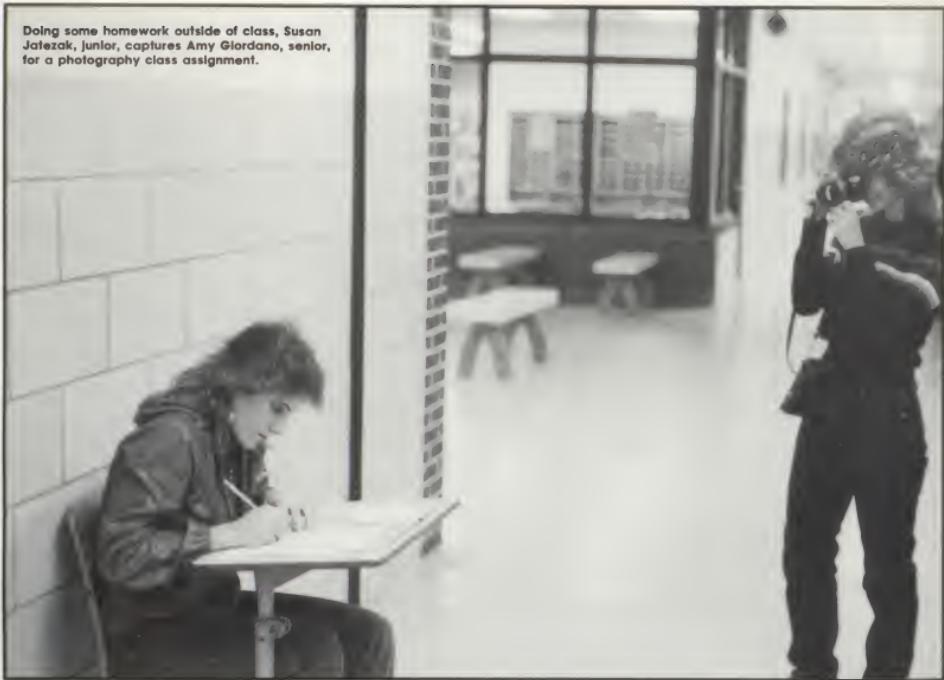
— Tiffini Crownover, Laurell Evans



Tom Feeney, math teacher, shows Donna Lewandowski, junior, how to work out a geometry problem at the math clinic.

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Doing some homework outside of class, Susan Jatezak, junior, captures Amy Giordano, senior, for a photography class assignment.



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MHS offers many courses  
for the student who enjoys

# BEING CREATIVE

Looking at and taking clear, concise pictures is great especially when familiar faces are in them.

To help make that possible, the art department created a new course. To interested students, a one semester photography class has been added to the curriculum.

Doug Waters, senior, participated in the class "to learn the basics of film development and the art of photography."

The class and the program has been trying to add the needed facilities.

"Having your own camera and accessories helps, and the homework is something you want to do," stressed Chris Fry.

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**"Rewards were given for outstanding projects"**

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senior.

Janet Anderson, photography teacher, explained, "The students learned about the equipment and their uses.

They also learned how to develop black and white film along with the composition of the pictures."

In January, the photography class participated in an art/photography contest. Besides receiving grades, rewards were also given for outstanding projects made by the students.

"The students also did the projects for their own rewards and self-improvement," added Mrs. Anderson.

— Mary Croarkin



The determined band awaits to play in order to add a boost of confidence before a home football game.

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Directing the singing, Jerauld Reinhart, Music director, leads a warm up exercise.

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Scott



Deep in concentration, Sherry D'Asto, junior, puts her idea into perspective.

Physical education offers a year long class for girls who want to

# WORK OUT TOGETHER

The year long slim and trim figure control class is available to sophomore girls.

As freshmen, they write a letter requesting to be admitted. Caroline Tipton, physical education teacher, stated, "I read the letters and made my decisions based on needy overweight girls with a low self image."

The class starts out with the dance aerobics to strengthen the cardiovascular system. It is then followed by exercise aerobics. The workouts last for approxi-

"The class really makes you feel better about yourself."

mately 45 minutes.

Linda VanArdsale, sophomore, said, "The class really tones up your muscles."

Once a week the girls weigh, measure, and monitor their heart rate. This is done to give the girls the incentive to keep going.

The class also gives the girls tips on posture, make-up, hair styles, proper attire and good nutrition.

Mia Brownewell, sophomore, stated, "The class helps you feel better about yourself."

— Angie Traticante

While exercising with Jane Fonda's "Workout," Karen Wilson, sophomore, reaches for the sky.

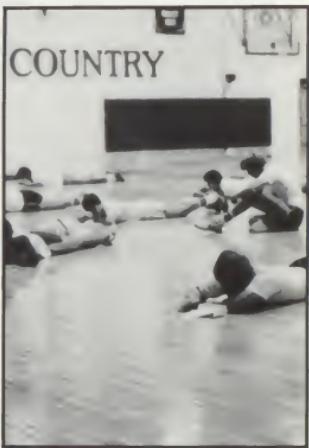


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Carol Teeter, special education aide, explains a division problem to students.

The gym students try to get comfortable while taking their exam.



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Don Molchan, physical education teacher, watches intensely as one of his students successfully jumps the high bar.

The gym class is a little off pace on their windmill exercises.

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## Watch us grow into clubs

### Watch us grow.

Through clubs and activities at MHS, we have grown. Clubs are organized so that students can become involved with the school.

MHS offers a large variety of clubs, and new clubs are being added every year.

The Key Club is a new club started last year. Members of the club are involved with community projects.

For creative students, The Creative Arts Club was also added last year.

Members of the club work all year to produce the "Purple Plume" at the end of the school year.

Another new club this year was OEA (Office Education Association). Students interested in business make up the club sponsored by Joann Castlen, business teacher.

"OEA is a fun club to be in. It's hard because we're new, but we have a lot of activities and competitions planned," explained Patty Freeman, senior and vice president.

All of the clubs at MHS help students grow as individuals and participate with others.

Watch us grow!

Participating in the game "Back to Back" are Caroline Gulp, senior, and a Guest student from Whiting.

Veronica Garza, junior, edits copy for the next issue of the school newspaper, "The Mirror."

Taking care of last minute preparations for the Homecoming Parade are Mary Jeffries, Spanish club sponsor, Irene Kurtesis, senior, and Mark Enzwiler, junior.

Kim Boatner, junior, and Chris Modglin, senior, spend the evening together at the Homecoming dance sponsored by Student Council.

# Preparing for the future

FFA  
DCA

Science Club  
FHA



Future Educators of America: Front Row — Kim Pachapa, Dan Rose, Pam Jones. Back

Row — Carol Teeter, sponsor, Diane Mirich, Mike Bondra.



Office Education Association: Front Row — Patty Freeman, Becky Christoff, Jessie King, Kandy Papageorge, Robin Layman, Lisa Bonich, Danette Kerns. Back Row — Jo

Castien, sponsor, Andrea Ruskewicz, Laurell Evans, Michelle Tesanovich, Michelle Domazet, Sherri Mumney, Bernadette Guanjuato, Susan Faudling, Cheryl Hardt.



Science Club: Front row — Irene Kourtesis, Desiree Bachier, Scott Terek, Warren Eckels. Christine Pavel, sponsor. Back Row —



Future Homemakers of America: Front Row — Kathleen Randhan, Janet Jaslin, Faith Mikulka, Krista Lea, Diana Wriston, Beth Werner, Caroline Baldazzo. Second Row — Carol Von Behren, sponsor, Charlotte

Borrman, Danette Guzman, Lisa Neis, Sue Filipowicz, Brenda Tompkins, Lisa Malefa, Carrie Czarnecki. Back Row — Michele Mitcheli, Debbie Gee, Angie Burger, Denean Gallo, Jennifer Larson.



## Clubs promote career choices

Four clubs have proven to be successful at MHS. They are FEA, Future Educators of America, OEA, Office Education Association, FHA, Future Homeworkers of America, and the Science Club.

FEA taught the basic skills required for a successful office career. Robin Layman, senior, stated, "OEA is beneficial to the educational process". The club raised its own funds by selling candy this year. Lisa Bonich, senior, commented, "Selling candy was a good way to keep the club self-sufficient."

FEA stressed the importance of education in America. To show their appreciation for teachers, the club sponsored a breakfast for the staff. Each staff member received a plant. Carol Teeter, sponsor, replied, "We enjoyed doing something for the staff for a change." The club

also sponsored the annual Turnabout.

FHA taught the students something about life. They went caroling through the nursing home at Christmas time, bringing stockings of candy to the senior citizens. Faith Mikulka, president, said, "We really enjoyed making Christmas brighter for the senior citizens."

Science Club went on many field trips. They visited the Milwaukee Museum and Chicago University.

The Science Club sponsored Science Week with a question everyday on the announcements. The person who answered all the questions correctly won a prize.

Glory Murray, senior, stated, "The Science Club is a great learning experience."

— Kris Kouvelas, Butty Palvas



One of the many field trips the Science Club took was to the Milwaukee Zoo. Here club members Glory Murray, Desree Baehler, seniors, and sponsor, Chris Pavel, enjoy the sights.

The FEA sponsored a teacher's breakfast, and plants were given to teachers who attended. Carol Teeter, sponsor, watches as Mary Halkias, office aide, and Jim Vermillion, science teacher, pick out their plant.

Patty Freeman, senior, types memos at Parkway Mechanical, where she is employed through the OEA program.



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## New routines, mascot 'Bucky' add spirit

Some school spirit comes natural with friends yelling nicknames to their buddies during games and matches. However, when the chips are down and things become a little dreary, that's when it is hard to keep up spirit. At such times, the Pep Club and Pom Pon Squad gave fans a boost to stay behind their teams.

The Pep Club, lead by sponsor Carol Teeter, participated in promoting school spirit. With Bucky and purple and white Pirate hats, the Pep Club could be seen with their hands together. They clapped to cheers and made several posters to decorate the walls wishing good luck or congratulations to the many athletic events at MHS.

"The Pep Club and my participation in it showed me that by being involved with the club and other people helped to promote team spirit. This is very important to the members of the teams. It showed and let them know that we were behind them at all the games," replied Danette Guzman, senior.

The Pom Pon squad, instructed by Candi Bella, consisted of 40 girls ranging from sophomores to seniors. One of their highlights was the unique dance routines during half-times of the varsity football and basketball games. This allowed fans to let loose and clap along which added extra rowdiness in the stands.

Diane Ramusak, senior, emphasized, "Pom Pons helps to promote school spirit and rowdiness to fans."

— Mary Croarkin

## Promoting school spirit:

Pom Pons  
Pep Club



Pom Pon squad: Front Row — Patty Fargo, Carey Johnson, Diane Ramusak, Dawn Spiroff, Cindy Lamfalusi, Diane Wirtes.

Second Row — Sue Canchola, Angie Trafante, Donna McClelland, Lori Shinovich, Diane Torres, Lisa Bowling, Sue Kozak, Angie Canchola, Jeannie Dudak. Third Row — Michelle Broda, Karen Pearson, Jean

Tasicas, Katie Lear, Lena Karabetsos, Lisa Tidwell, Dora Garcia, Eileen Dawson, Natalie Coyle. Back Row — Candi Bella, sponsor, Christine Psaros, Michelle Traber, Cheryl Adler, Dee Hill, Kelly Travis, Frances Kahrts, Karen Smailnicky, Lisa Petroff, and Lori Smith.



Pep Club: Front Row — Carol Teeter, sponsor, Diana Mirich. Second Row — Carol Newman, Pat McCoy, Tracy Goodman,

Danette Guzman. Back Row — Susan Moore, Cathy Olson, Donna Dogan, Liz Calbourne.



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With flowing arms, Angie Traficante, Michelle Brode, and Lena Karabestos, Juniors, dazzle the crowd at halftime show.

Eric Schrenker, Ken Haupt, seniors, and Jim Gavalek, junior, assist the Cheerleaders during a basketball pre-game. The lifters are Pep Club members.



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Sure they can. The pom pom squad even finds room on the football field to line up and kick up their heels.

The Pep Club members are right in the midst of MHS fans, showing a tremendous abundance of school spirit.



# Cheerleaders lead MHS teams to victories

The cheerleaders lead MHS with their high spirits and enthusiasm. The girls lead the school at the football and basketball games and at the pep sessions.

The cheerleaders are picked for their outrageous supply of spirit and various cheers. They use many special moves and techniques at every game.

The girls always seem to be having a good time cheering and firing up the spirit of the fans.

Shawna Eberle, junior, stated, "Being a cheerleader is really exciting and fun. It's great to know that you're helping your team."

The three squads encouraged the boys basketball and football teams as well as the girls basketball and volleyball teams. They do a variety of cheers to get all of the fans, including the parents into the spirit.

Also, the cheerleaders help to promote and encourage spirit at pep sessions.

— Robin Kendron

The junior cheerleaders begin their traditional pre-pep rally cheer in front of their classmates.



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Cheering on the team before halftime, the varsity cheerleaders keep the crowd going despite the 0-7 score.



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# Promoting school spirit— Cheerleaders



Varsity Basketball: Front Row — Nancy Poling, Mary Croarkin. Second Row — Patty Haupt, Valerie Vessely. Third Row —

Jennifer Elbel, Buffy Palvas. Back Row — Julie Zale, Sherry D'Asto.



JV Cheerleaders: Front Row — Beth Weger, Sherri Sohacki, Tracy Schneider. Second Row — Chrissy Perez, Marianne Villianeuva. Back Row — Susie Lax.



Girls Cheerleaders: Front Row — Nadine Sever, Mary Kate Hill, Demi Dubowski. Back

Row — Marianne Berger, Shelly Kuzemka, Allison Dakich.

Before the Homecoming game, Shawna Eberle, junior, and Nanci Poling, senior, take time out to pose for the camera.



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During halftime, the varsity basketball cheerleaders perform a routine to charge up the crowd.

Waters

Larry Lopez, sophomore, practices operating the video camera.

Barb Hippie, sophomore, applies make-up to Paul Tomak, junior, for his magnificent performance.



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Creative Arts members Angie Burger, senior, Linda Christoff, sponsor, Bill Slade, Julie Zale and Sherry D'Asio, juniors, show how togetherness can work.



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# Working as a team:

Cards Club Creative Arts

Art Tech Club



Chess Club: Front Row — Jim Edgcomb, sponsor, Jim Rubush, Jim Enochs. Back Row

— Jeff Pasture, George Angelov, John Garcia, Jeff Chidsey.



Audio-Visual: Don Bianco, Brian Tretter, Ron

Bianco, Vel Wooldridge, sponsor.



Creative Arts: Front Row — Sherry D'Asto, Angie Burger, Mike Bondra, Dan Rose. Second Row — Vicki Jewell, Diane Mirlich,

Julie Zale, Linda Christoff, sponsor. Back Row — Ron Vanna, Donna McBrayer.



Thespians: Front Row — Shirley Price, Angie Christos, Cheryl Hardt, Jeff Maloney, Brian Tretter, Tom Runholz, Rob Winchester, Laurie Reinhart. Second Row — Vicki Jewell, Tim Runholz, Sheryl Riddle, Brigitte Belmonte, Melissa George, R.D. Parrott, Dan Proctor, Kathie Shultz, Jesse King, Angie Canchola.

Back Row — Bess Ferentinos, Bill McCoy, Onorio Olivadotti, Rich Jiminez, Glory Murray, Carol Gruber, Barb Hippie, Craig Shoensfield, Angie Burger, Rich Robinson, Paul Tomak, Nancy Carlson, Beth Jaslik, Kathy Oliver, Joe Morrow, sponsor.

## Goals, projects bring members together

The Thespians, Audio-Visual Club, Chess Club and the Creative Arts Club all supply a means of entertainment for MHS students.

The Thespians help produce three major productions during the year. The fall play, "The Curious Savage," consisted of juniors and sophomores. The review, "Merlin's Magic Moments," was open to anyone that wanted to display his talent. The spring play, "George Washington Slept Here," was put on by seniors only.

Rob Winchester, president, stated: "A lot of sleepless hours were put into the plays, but the student body participation was very disappointing."

"It's really wonderful being a part of the Thespians," added senior, Cheryl Hardt.

Adding another type of entertainment, the Audio-Visual Club video taped many school activities. During Homecoming week, the parade and the powder puff football games were taped for those students who were unable to attend the festivities.

Leigh Smith, junior, stated, "The A-V Club has a lot to offer MHS students that they don't know about."

Also, the Creative Arts Club helped students interested in literature and art let their talents shine through.

They publish their own magazine, the **Purple Plume**, which includes drawings, short stories, and poems submitted by the MHS student body. The money made from this project was put toward next year's **Plume**.

Julie Zale and Sherry D'Asto, juniors, stated, "**Plume** enables MHS students to show their creative abilities."

Finally, the chess team provided entertainment. The Chess team placed both the A and B team in the state final chess tournament. The A team placed second and the B team came in fourth place in regional contest with only the top four teams advancing to state.

"We didn't accomplish our goal to win state, but we are happy with what we have done thus far," said Jim Edgcomb.

— Angie Traticante

# Musicians practice for hours

What's the music we hear in the hall during lunch hour? Is it a new radio station? No, it's the orchestra and the band practicing for concerts and games.

The whole band made up the marching band for the football games and the pep band for the basketball games. Ken Haupt, senior, remarked, "Pep band was a lot of fun and it was a good way to help promote school spirit."

Practices started two weeks before school for four hours every weekday morning. Donna Vazquez, junior, commented, "Practices for the marching band were a lot of hard work. We had lots of fun though, so it paid off."

Along with playing at the games, the band participated in various parades,

concerts and commencement.

The orchestra played in concerts with the band. Lisa Tidwell, sophomore, stated, "Mr. Mitchell helped us a lot. It was really enjoyable."

In May, there was a concert in which all the orchestras from the elementary schools, junior high schools and the high school combined together to perform.

The biggest change was the addition of the Chamber Orchestra. It was a group that played background music for art shows and dinners.

The Flag corps also worked very hard to be successful. During school, they practiced two times a week at 6:30 a.m.

— Robin Wade



**Marching Band:** Front Row — T. Runholz, J. Edwards, R. Benson, J. Arena, L. Wilkinson, C. Laser, V. Jewell, K. Kendt, P. Machnik, T. Runholz. Second Row — M. Morris, M. Bateman, J. Milkulka, M. Lieber, C. Villaire. Third Row — A. Ballir, D. Sullivan, D. Magry, B. Lepley, B. Shrader, T. Benson, L. Bella, A. Christo, C. Shay, E. Guanajuato, V. Potomianos. Fourth Row — T. VanScoy, K. Krawczick, C. Lindborg, M. Hevanic, M. Arena, J. Mohamed, S. Winovich, C. Vana, M. Kozielski, P. Morris, D. McBrayre. Fifth Row — L. Pysh, J. Bigelow, D. Vazquez, D. Bell, K. Pachapow, K. Koskyal. Back Row — P. Haupt, K. Haupt, K. Dunkleburger, R. Parkhurst, J. Sekulioski, C. Irwin.

During a concert, band members concentrate on their music as they play in harmony.

During a football halftime, members of the Flag Corps perform to a song played by the Marching Band.



Band Member Rich Jiminez, senior, concentrates on hitting the right notes during the band's halftime football show.



## Demonstrating their talents: Orchestra Marching Band



Orchestra: Front Row — D. Marino, K. Brooks, T. Levenson, M. Christos. Second Row — C. Boyd, S. Kozac, L. Tidwell, K. Pepta, A. Bills. Back Row — J. Valdes, T. Zaradich.



Orchestra: Front Row — J. Yerga, M. Lieber, C. Villalte, R. Blanco, A. Christo, V. Jewell, T. Runholt, E. Guanajuato. Second Row — L. Drennan, B. Daniel, B. Lepley, D. Sullivan, D. Magry, A. Blair, P. Kasprzak. Back row — K. Haupt, J. Marando, P. Campbell, M. Runholt, R. Robinson.



Orchestra: Front Row — P. Morris, M. Hovanec, T. Van Scyk, K. Kasprzak, J. Stewart, T. Runholt, K. Lockridge. Second Row — K. Krawczyk, P. Machnik, C. Vana, K. Kosyala, J. Mohamed, S. Winovich, D. Bowman, Third Row — K. Irwin, M. Kozielecki, L. Walsh, D. McBrayer, M. Arena. Back Row — C. Kelley, C. Lindborg, T. Koenig, T. Nagroski, L. Wilkison, B. Brooks, O. Olividoff.



Orchestra: Front Row — K. Fitzgerald, A. Donahue, P. Campbell, J. Spot, J. Marando, R. Robinson, J. Lee, D. Dockweiler, C. Valain, V. Potamianos. Second Row — B. Daniel, M. Williams, S. Oberbacher, M. Runholt, D. Padgett, R. Blanco, A. Blair. Third Row — K. Haupt, P. Kasprzak, B. McCoy, D. Sullivan. Back Row — R. Parkhurst, S. Reder, T. Benson, M. Peterson, B. Lepley, B. Schrader, S. Simmons, J. Spurlock, D. Magry, L. Musser.

**Vocalteens:** Front Row — Jessie King, Joan Puntillo, Cheryl Hardt, Margaret Elch, Diane Bellamy, Kathy Oliver, Laurie Reinhart, Amy Giordano, Angie Canchola. Back Row — Dan Proctor, Brian Tretter, Tom Runholz, Onotria Olividoli, Jeff Maloney, Paul Tomak, R.D. Parpart, Phil Pardus.



Members of the Velveteen group takes a few moments to get organized before a warm up exercise.

## Making people happy

Concert Choir: Front Row — Velveteens  
Diane Bellamy, Cindy Colle, Beth Jaslik



**Concert Choir:** Front Row — Angie Canchola, Jill Giordano, Jennifer Potter, Dawn Bridges, Natalie Coyle, Kelly Elch, Bobbi Conn, Laurie Equila, Lynn Huddleston, Darlene Woods, Shawn Wojlyska, Charlotte Bormon, Valerie Nicksic, Marie Pavot, Karen Hendrickson, Donna Dogan, Margaret Elch. Second Row — Amy Giordano, Laurie Reinhart, Janice Schnick, Michelle Turkula, Ninette Swisher, Don Bianco, Dan Rose, Albert Kirk, Tim Brandi, Craig Schoenfeld, Phil Pardus, Bob McGuckin, Debbie Novreske, Denise Gallagher, Carla Brown, Mariette Gonzalez, Linda Roe, Teresa Silva,

Diane Bellamy. Third Row — Cindy Colle, Kathy Oliver, Melissa McCrosky, Beth Jaslik, Kathy Shultz, Tony Barron, Onotria Olividoli, Terry Eck, Paul Tomak, Ron Kirby, Don Elliot, Lisa Rajeski, Holly Wozniak, Vicki Frey, Benay Kirk, Cheryl Hardt, Jessie Cole. Fourth Row — LuAnne Thomas, Kathy Thompson, Lori Strong, Dan Proctor, Roman Kirby, Hurf Lytle, Jerry Rubush, Paul DeStefano, Chris Kroll, Marilyn Gill, Kim Winter, Renee Miller, Kim Cagle, Danette Guzman. Back Row — R.D. Parpart, Jeff Maloney.



**Girls Glee Club:** Front Row — Sheryl Riddle, Pam Basile, Tracy Goodman, Adrienne Viramontes, Diane Mirich, Shirley Price, Mia Brownwell. Second Row — Kathy Murphy, Tina Bryant, Beth Weiner, Kathy Maloney,

Carol Gruber, Mary Naumoski, Sue Moore, Eileen Dawson. Back Row — Barb Parks, Tammy Erdelles, Alissa Amplitots, Lynn Levenson, Stephanie Solits, Karen Wilson, Kim Meade, Kelly Jo Travis.



**Velveteens** — Front Row — Cindy Colle, Beth Jaslik, Teresa Silva, Linda Roe, Kelly Elch. Back Row — Kathie Shultz, LuAnne

Thomas, Chris Kroll, Kim Cagle, Benay Kirk, Donna Dogan.

# Musical performances entertain everyone

Dan Procter, senior, sings his heart out during his performance in the Spring Concert.



There are about 100 members in the MHS choir, which consists of Girls Glee, Concert Choir, Vocalteens and Velveteens. Anyone can be in Girls Glee and Concert Choir, but you have to audition for Vocalteens and Velveteens.

The choir was extremely busy this year practicing for concerts and competitions.

Each year they have two concerts: a Christmas concert, called Season's Greetings, and a spring concert, called American Pop. "The concerts went very well," said Kelly Elch, junior, "and they were a lot of fun."

On Jan. 28 the choir participated in a district contest at West Side High School. Following district, they competed in a state contest at Butler University. The groups placed first in both contests.

Teresa Silva, junior, stated, "It was a lot of hard work and dedication, but I enjoyed it."

Besides performing in concerts and competitions, they also entertained at an old folks home, and they participated in the annual choral fest.

Also, the Vocalteens and Velveteens perform at engagements throughout the year. The show they give is a half hour of singing and dancing. Paul Tomak, a junior member of Vocalteens, commented, "Choir will help with my future interests."

— Robin Sanko



The Vocalteens dazzle the audience with their dancing routine in the Spring Concert.

Indiana Governor Robert Orr and Al Wirlies, junior, discuss campaign issues as Wirlies interviews the Governor for the Mirror.



Foremski



Grantham

Yearbook Editor Laurell Evans, senior, works on material to meet the deadline.



Jack McKinney, junior, adjusts the enlarger. This is one of the steps in printing pictures for the yearbook and newspaper.

# Producing school publications

Newspaper Photography  
Yearbook



Newspaper: Front Row — Valerie Tanke, sponsor, Al Wirtes, Eric Michael, Veronica Garza, Gina Gornick. Second Row — Lynn

Huddleston, Denise Bezick, Jay Anderson. Back Row — Alex Stojanowski, Branko Jocic, Mark Thompson, Dave Herbert.



Yearbook: Front Row — Chris Franz, Rose Vroniskoski, Tiffini Crownover, Laurell Evans, Robin Kendron. Second Row — Angie Traticante, Robin Sanko, Buffy Palvas, Dave Kierzkowski, Valerie Tanke, sponsor. Third

Row — Sharin Pigott, Shawna Eberle, Kris Kouvelas, Susanna Eibel, Vicki Tsampis. Back Row — Robin Wade, Janice Lilly, Shari Moore, Mary Croarkin, Glory Murry.



Photography: Front Row — Doug Waters, Andrea Kowicki, Susan Scott. Second Row — Steve Grantham, Jack McKinney, Al

Wirles, Kathy Foremski. Back Row — Tom Mihal, Troy Terry, Scott Mizerak.

## Issues ideas appear in publications

As the school year began, so did the production of the yearbook and newspaper.

Photographers were busy taking pictures that were essential to meeting the deadlines.

Troy Terry, senior, stated, "Taking pictures for the school paper was fun because I was able to attend a lot of the sporting events."

**The Mirror**, which was put out about every three weeks on Fridays, kept students and faculty informed and entertained.

**The Mirror** staff covered some controversial topics.

"Many people objected to the stories that we covered. We all felt that they needed to be covered objectively, and they were. We expected some negative response to our articles, but we're all proud of what's been printed in **The Mirror**," stated Eric Michael, junior.

However, Robin O'Deen, junior, commented, "I enjoyed learning how a newspaper is put together and then being able to do it myself."

The yearbook staff was hard at work even before school started.

"Last year we decided on our theme **Watch Us**, and built on it at the summer workshop at L.U. By the time we met with the rest of the staff, we had the foundation of the book already done," explained Laurell Evans, senior and Editor of the **1984 Merrillview**.

The production of the yearbook takes a long time; however, Tiffini Crownover, junior, commented, "Even though it's a lot of hard work, it will all be worth it when we get the finished product in the fall."

— Chris Franz

# Exceptional students receive honors for their achievements

Every year, a few selected students have the special privilege of being inducted into the National Honor Society.

This is a very prestigious honor due to the fact that students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher.

Students selected must also demonstrate good stature and hold high standards.

To be chosen for Honor Society teachers vote on the students they feel are most deserving of this award.

The club sold license plates to raise money.

Cathy Malocha, junior, commented, "Being recognized by the National Honor Society makes a person feel their hard work in school has paid off, and I'm very honored."

MHS had many talented writers and journalists who were honored by being inducted into Quill and Scroll, a honor society especially for journalists.

In her second year as sponsor, Valerie Tanke stated, "The club is just now getting organized and expanding its activities."

The club prepared the Senior Magazine and sponsored the publications banquet at the Raging Bull. Certain publications members were recognized for

their hard work throughout the year.

Students were inducted on Feb. 7, and other inductions were made on May 15.

Veronica Garza, junior, stated, "Since being part of a publications organization is such hard work, it's good to know we're being honored for our efforts!"

A new aspect at MHS was the Academic Decathlon in Los Angeles, California at Loyola Marymount University.

Only eight students were chosen to compete in the decathlon. These students competed in the following categories: Honors category — Scott Terek and Lenny Pysh; Scholastic — Angie Christo and Bob Stephan; and Varsity — Al Witres and Denise Bezick.

They were chosen by taking a series of tests with other students from MHS. The top two scorers in each category were chosen to attend the decathlon.

The team did excellently considering they had only two weeks to prepare, as other teams from around the country were preparing since last summer.

Linda Davis, counselor, stated, "An anonymous friend of the school corporation donated all the funds for the trip." The students also received all day complimentary admission to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Universal Studios.

— Shawna Eberle

Receiving his Honor Society "tapping" Scott Terek receives his news from his mentor, senior



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Decathlon members Denise Bezzick, junior, Bob Stephan, senior, and Al Wirtes, junior, relay at Disney Land while traveling to Los Angeles to participate in the competition.

## Excelling in academics:

Honors Society  
Quill and Scroll — Decathletes



Honor Society: Front Row — Mark Dimitri, Sharl Moore, Nick Pappas, Greg Karras. Second Row — Irene Haiklas, Sue Kozak, Denise Emery, Kathy Krol, Lenny Pysh, Jennifer Thompson, Cindy Lamfalusi. Third Row — Angie Christo, Richard Robinson,

Steve Osoba, Dawn Spiroti, Tom D'Asto, Brian Curcio, Paul Lozanoski, Phil Labash. Back Row — Lisa Wilkinson, Steve Wilczynski, Bob Stephan, Jeff Petroff, Toby Darkins, Joe Zajac.



Quill and Scroll: Front Row — Andrea Kawicki, Laurell Evans, Eric Michael, Veronica Garza, Valerie Tanke, sponsor. Second Row — Angie Traficante, Robin

Sanko, Third Row — Al Wirtes, Denise Bezzick, Susanna Ebel, Vicki Tsamplis. Back Row — Sharin Pigott, Janice Lilly, Sharl Moore.



Decathlon Team: Bob Stephan, Al Wirtes, Pysh, Angie Christo, Scott Terek. Denise Bezzick, Linda Davis, sponsor, Lenny

**Speaking at a school board meeting is Kathy Krol, senior. Krol was speaking to get the support of the school board for the new SADD program at MHS.**

**Participating in a discussion are members of the Quest Club.**



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# Serving the community:

ADM

Quint Club

Key Club



SADD: Front Row — Judy Rendina, Linda Schulz, Cris Kroli, Second Row — Angie Burger, Charlotte Boyd, Cheryl Fossey, Becky Wirtz, Cheryl Brown. Back Row —

Roman Kirby, Ronald Kirby, Peggy Lach, Debbie Progemela, Renee Miller, Jerry Kasarda, sponsor, Bill Peters.



Quest Club: Front Row — Cathy Olson, Donna Dogan, Vicki Jewell, Sandy Jones. Back Row — Sandy Braun, Michelle

Tesanovich, Angie Burger, Lance Bella, Pat McCoy, Tomi Lovely, Jerry Kasarda, sponsor, LuAnne Thomas.



Key Club: Front Row — Cheryl Fossey, Mark Leiber. Second Row — Tom D'Aslo, Judy

Rendina, Maria Pavol. Back Row — Dan Wilke, Robbie Benson, Dean Hess, sponsor.

## New club fights against drunk driving

Many new clubs have been added to MHS's extra-curricular activity program in the past few years. Among these clubs are a few that deal with high school students getting involved in helping the community and themselves.

SADD, Students Against Drunk Driving, was started. A large number of students became involved, and their efforts were visible.

Signs were put up in the hallways to promote the club, and various facts about drinking and driving were told on the morning announcements. A speaker was also brought in to help students understand the purpose of the club which was to discourage people from drinking and driving.

The day before Prom, Ray Govert, senior, was placed in a coffin during lunch hour with an empty bottle of whiskey at his side.

This was to show what might happen if the students drank while driving the night of Prom.

Govert stated, "I think it helped some of the students really think about the consequences."

Another club recently added was the Key Club. It is affiliated with the Kiwanis Club of Merrillville. The club is a service organization that provides service to the school and the community.

Different activities included, helping with the blood drive, sophomore orientation and open house, and an easter egg hunt for the crippled.

Dean Hess, sponsor, replied, "The involvement of the students for this new club was excellent."

Quest was a class that could be taken by any student to learn skills for living.

There was a Quest Club that students who have taken the class or who plan to can become members.

Angie Burger, senior, commented, "Quest Club is very interesting and fun and it helps people with their problems."

All clubs are trying to make the community more appreciative and a better place to live.

— Robin Wade

## Learning other cultures:

Spanish Club

German Club

French Club

### Language groups sell candy, share awards banquet

The foreign language clubs had more in common than in the past. They all participated in the football and basketball Homecomings, candy selling, foreign language week and the foreign language banquet.

In the Homecoming race for best float, car and theme victory, German Club won best float, best theme, and Spanish Club won best car.

Candy selling is a profitable event for all clubs. Gummie Bars, M & M's, Snickers and suckers were traditional products.

At the end of the year, each club used to have a separate banquet. For the first time, all three clubs shared a banquet in the school's cafeteria.

Separately, the Spanish Club participated in the "Congreso de Estudian de Espanol" or Congress for Spanish Students at Purdue University. Many of the skits won awards. This is a great honor since schools from many areas compete. They also took a field trip to a Mexican restaurant in Chicago.

Irene Halkias, senior, said, "Being in Spanish Club was a very unique experience."

French Club went to the Museum of Science and Industry to see the "Christmas Around the World Exhibit." At the end of the year, they also went to a French restaurant.

Senior, Brian Cacic, commented, "French Club helped me make new friends and learn a new culture."

German Club participated in their annual Halloween and Christmas Party and the annual picnic at the end of the year.

Rich Robinson, senior, added, "By learning the different cultures in German Club, it helped me to prepare for my trip to Germany.

— Janice Lilly



**Spanish Club:** Front Row — Irene Halkias, Irene Kourtesis, Al Garcia, Joe Pienta, Mary Jeffries, sponsor. Second Row — Sue Kosak, Tracey Lepp, Michelle Burns, Sheri Dastio, Dawn Bell. Third Row — Chris Modglin,

Penny Machnik, Cheryl Fossey, Mike Bondra. Back Row — Kim Boatner, Denine Bezick, Barb Hippie, Jackie Mohamed, Dan Rose, Lori Goodwin.



**French Club:** Front Row — Carrie Czarnecki, Rich Robinson, Ron Binaco. Second Row — Janet Fernandez, George Angeloff, Linda Walsh, Lynn Drennan. Third

Row — Karen Johnson, Mary Naumoski, Shirley Price. Back Row — Larry Dittoe, Ray Hamilton, sponsor, Brad Shrader, Don Blanco.



**French Club:** Front Row — Nancy Carlson, Debbie Migok, Irene Spiro, sponsor. Second Row — Julie Fratske, Val Pappas, Cindy Lamfalus, Tim Ruhnholz. Third Row — Danny

Tsataros, Judy Rendina, Chris Zimnawoda, Maria Pavot. Back Row — Laura Kapitan, Amy Stooksbury, Terry Eck, Karin Eyrich, Laura Hanas, Cathy Malocha.

Laura Kapitan, junior, decorates the showcase for the French Club during Foreign Language Week.



Paul Campbell, Rod Urbano, Jim Nawrocki, Joe Plenta, Al Garcia, seniors, dressed up as the group "Menudo" at the "Congreso de Estudiante de Espanol".

A German Club member rides on the winning German float during the Homecoming Parade.



Irene Haikas, senior, pulled the Spanish Club wagon in the Basketball Homecoming Parade.

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# Helping the community

Sunshine Society  
Student Council



Sunshine Society: Front Row — Michelle Kray, Lori Equilua, Susan Scott, Danette Guzman. Second Row — Karen Kasprzak, Beth Jaslik, Sheila Yonker, Grace Bovard.

sponsor. Back Row — Kim Boatner, Sue Spitz, Leanne Bell, Renea Miller, Denine Bezick.



Student Council: First Row — Laurie Reinhart, Andrea Kowicki, Shari Moore, Joe Zajac, Jennifer Thompson, Chris Franz, Susie Lax, Pat Mulloy, sponsor. Second Row — Irene Halkias, Carl Tully, Vicki Tsampis, Eric Michael, Lenny Pysh, Al Wirtes, Mark Dimitri, Robin O'Deen, Karen Kirksey, Third Row —

Valerie Pappas, Cheryl Vana, Dawn Spiroff, Brian Curcio, Tom D'Asto, Lori Dian, Margie Gianiklis, Mary Kate Hill, Kris Zimnawoda, Dan Wilke. Back Row: Linda Walsh, Marianne Berger, Bob Stephaun, Nick Pappas, Greg Karros, Jeff Sopczak, Michele Sikula, Melissa Primich, Lori Smith, Dan Tsasatos.

## Many organizations sponsor dances to raise needed funds

Two clubs which helped out the community of Merrillville are the Sunshine Society and the Student Council.

The Sunshine Society sold candy bars as their main fundraiser. They also participated in Sunshine Week. During this week they decorated the main showcase and handed out apples to the teachers.

At Christmas time the Sunshiners went to local nursing homes and boosted the morale of the residents by caroling.

Glory Murray, senior, stated, "The Sunshine Society was a fun and self-satisfying club."

Susan Scott, junior, commented, "Through the Sunshine Society and caroling, I got to help make the elderly happy."

They also sponsored the Sweetheart Dance, Father-Daughter Dinner and a Mother-Daughter Tea.

The Student Council started out the year early. They sponsored the first dance of the school year. Because Homecoming was so early, the members of the council had to get started on the activities in the late summer.

In between all the dances they sponsored, the Student Council headed a food drive. A lot of food was collected over the two week period.

At the end of the food drive, the Student Council sponsored a dance. Andrean students also participated in this dance. The profit from the dance was given to the town trustee to give to the needy in Merrillville.

After Christmas break, the Student Council sponsored Basketball Homecoming.

The last dance which they sponsored for the students was the Daddy Date Night Dance. This dance gave the girls a chance to go out with their fathers and have a good time.

Chris Franz, senior, stated, "Student Council is a worthwhile organization because it helps the student body a lot."

Vicky Tsampis, senior, commented, "The Student Council brings the students and administration closer together."

— Shari Moore



Denise Bezick and Steve Ramusack, juniors, show how much they care at the Valentine's Dance.

At the Back to School Dance, Sava Micic, junior, teaches Susan Kosak, senior, some new dance steps.



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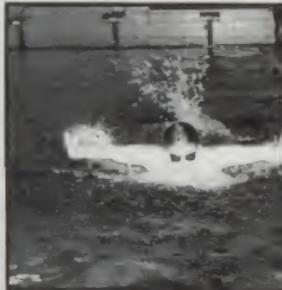
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Dressed as sailors, Patty Haupt and Lori Goodwin, juniors, show their enthusiasm at the Halloween dance.

Sunshine Members enjoy the ride to the state convention, which was in Indianapolis.





## Watch us win in sports

Watch us win.

The football team ended their season with a winning record of 6-4.

In addition, the boys tennis team also had a victorious season. They beat Hobart in sectionals by a score of 3-2.

Eric Michael, junior, commented, "We had a tough season, but we proved ourselves by beating Hobart and Griffith in sectionals."

The girls cross country team had a tough but rewarding season.

Long hours of hard practice and workouts

are what make MHS athletes winners. Every athlete put forward an individual effort to make MHS teams winners.

"It is essential to practice because without practice you can't perfect your skills and work together as a complete team," explained Jennifer Duncan, senior.

Two very important words in the vocabulary of an MHS athlete are sportsmanship and dedication.

"Without sportsmanship and dedication, there is too much compe-

tition among each other on the team and no unity, which is also very important," commented Suzie Norris, junior.

Watch us win!

Teammates watch as Pam Wilczynski, sophomore, spikes the ball to the opposing team at semi-state.

Mike Shayolovich, junior, takes a break from the battle at the Homecoming game against Portage.

Receiving awards for tennis at the fall sports banquet, is Steve Ramusack, junior.

Demonstrating the butterfly stroke is Rich Lesniak, sophomore.

# Pirates finish 6-4 despite Hobart loss

The game of the season. Merrillville against Hobart. The game decided if the Pirates or the Brickies would go to the playoffs. Entering this game, Merrillville and Hobart were 3-0 in cluster play. MHS played tough defense, but Hobart pulled through with a 23-0 victory.

The score was not an indication of how the game went. The game was very close until the end. Going into the fourth quarter, the Brickies were ahead 9-0. Hobart scored with about four minutes left, making it 16-0.

The feisty Pirates would not give up. The offense did a good job, but they could not put any points up on the scoreboard because of Hobart's great defense. Merrillville then turned the ball over to Hobart one more time.

Even though the Brickies pretty much had the game wrapped up, they pro-

ceeded to pile on the points. They threw a bomb and scored one play later on a 1-yard plunge. This upset Coach Ken Haupt, players and many fans. The Pirates did play their hearts out, but MHS came up short. They did have the Brickies worried until four minutes were left in the game.

Preparing for the entire season, the team started practicing a week earlier than usual. The change was due to a new Indiana High School Athletic Association rule. The summer practices started Aug. 4, with the team practicing two times a day. The early start did affect the teams play, although Coach Haupt did not believe it should have.

According to Eric Schrenker, senior and co-captain, "The early start did affect our play a lot. The hot weather was a major factor."

The team started out by losing their first game to Crown Point, 0-24. Crown Point capitalized on turnovers and jumped to an early lead. They had a 17-0 advantage at halftime and added another 7 points in the third quarter to beat the Pirates.

After losing to Lake Central, 30-10, a few major changes were made. Ken Haupt, senior, was moved from quarterback to flanker, and Mike Shayotovich, junior, was inserted at the quarterback position for the remaining part of the season.

The next two games were victorious for the Pirates. They manhandled the Chesterton Trojans and the Michigan City Rogers Raiders, both Duneland Conference games. (Continued on page 100).



Varsity Football: Front Row — Coach Ken Haupt, Coach Joe Atria, Jeff Stewart, Doug Waters, Brian Curcio, Mike Oliver, Neil Miller, Jeff Miller, Lou Spiru, Ken Haupt, Dave Mrliscin, Dan Roszkowski, Mark Harding, Coach Roger Hankins. Second Row — Coach Jeff Yelton, Craig Kosac, Greg Karas, Barry Woodward, Sean Dougherty, Kevin Bell, Eric Schrenker, Marty Geary, Tom Brown, Jeff Ogleo, Branko Jocic, Brian Bardezon, Jim Rubush, Sherman Iszak. Third Row — Jim Gavelak, Brett Storey, Jeff St. Germain, John Cather, Dean OH, Tom D'Astro, Paul Lozanoski, Jon Rhodes, Ed Lopez, Paul Fiacable, Steve Michael, Doug Pearson, Jay Mack. Fourth Row — Berna Guanajuato, Neil Eubank, Terry Gill, Rich Dyman, Mike Shayotovich, Mark Schmidt, Greg Schuster, Lou Castellani, Jeff Rice, George Glagola, Jeff Sopczak, Mike Miner, Alan Radu, Matt Wilk. Back Row — Beth Jasik, Joanie McGee, Bob Moore, Larry Kacmar, Matt Nasplinski, Dan Greene, Dan French, Bob Scheub, Tom Martin, Rich Niles, Shawn Vowell, Craig Schoenfeld, Roman Kirby.

Hurt in the Chesterton game, Jon Rhodes, senior, points out his injury to Sherman Iszak, trainer, and Nick Bumbales, student trainer.



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Coach Ken Haupt and Offensive Line Coach Joe Atria send in words of advice to the offensive team on the field.

A Portage runner tries to elude Brian Curcio, senior. MHS lost 0-14.

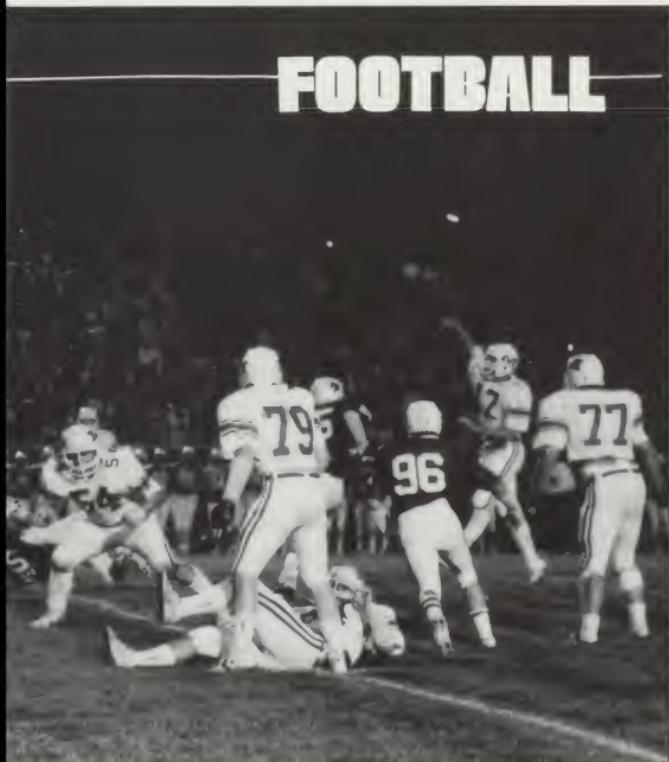


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Branko Jovic, senior, and John Catcher, junior, prepare for the kickoff.

The Merrillville offensive line gives Mike Shayotovich, junior, plenty of time to throw the ball against Vigo. Pirates defeated the Vikings 16-13.



Cameron

# Cluster system affects performance

During the middle of the season, the Pirates hosted the Portage Indians for Homecoming.

After the Homecoming pep rally, Coach Haupt stated, "The pep rally could have helped the team. It really was good. It should have had a positive affect, but it did not." Before the Pirates knew it, they were down 14-0 at halftime.

Coach Haupt said, "The team did not play with much intensity during the first half." They did improve their style of play the second half, but the Indians still went home with a 14-0 victory.

The next three games Merrillville played were played with much more intensity. First, MHS hosted Gary West Side. In this game, the Pirates scored during each quarter, while holding the Cougars to just one touchdown.

The team then traveled to Valparaiso. The game was a close and exciting match-up. No one knew what the final outcome would be until the final whistle.

With Brian Curcio, junior, running

back the first kickoff 90 yards, the game looked like it would be a runaway. Unfortunately, the Vikings played tough throughout the whole game, keeping the score close. Merrillville ended up winning the game, 16-13.

Merrillville looked next to the "Battle of Broadway". The Pirates started the game slow, but then came on strong in the second half. After the Pirates took a 23-3 lead, they inserted the second string. When the final whistle blew, the scoreboard showed: Pirates 23, Andrean 3.

The final game of the season was played against the LaPorte Slicers. MHS changed their starting lineup, but still ended up winning the game, 13-0. The Pirates final record was 6-4.

This year post season play was determined differently. The new system is called the "Cluster System." Between 4 and 6 teams are in each cluster. Clusters are divided throughout the state. The only games that really count, as far as playoffs are con-

cerned, are the cluster games. The team with the best cluster record in their cluster, goes to the playoffs. Many people were against this system.

Schreiner commented, "The only games that really counted, as far as the playoffs were concerned, were the cluster games. It was not that good of a system. It helped us this year, but we only had four important games to win. It was hard for the team to get up for the non-cluster games."

Sean Dougherty, senior lineman, commented, "The name of the game is still winning, no matter what the system. Teams have to do good in order to win. I play every game to win."

Mike Shaytovich, junior, quarterback, stated, "Obviously, the cluster was good for us this year, but in reality, it is not very worth while. With this system, the concept of winning isn't applied to all games, it is only applied to the cluster games."

— Shari Moore



Craig Kosac, senior, receives consoling during a football game from Rev. Richard Chrispell.

JV Football: Front Row — George Mohol, Thomas Midgett, Mark Hamilton, Joe Budner, Jim Blitner, Dave Gee, Brina Singer, Frank Grynovich, Oscar Rodriguez. Second Row — Joe Kasper, Chuck Tipton, Tim Ellis, Brad Curcio, Brett St. Germain, Dave Dziewicki, Bucky Randall, Mike Zaronas, Coach Ken Bragg. Third row — Rick Hendrickson, Scott Sapper, Paul Trpkovski, Jeff Tomb, Branko Jasnic, Jeff Zurawski, Ross Chabot, Valsis Potamianos, Brian Majcher. Fourth Row — Dennis Bunda, Don Brant, Vern Krutz, Eric Miner, Mike Demakas, John Rachford, Bob Gustafson, Chris Cochran. Back Row — Fred Summers, Chris Tobias, Chris Kerulis, Kevin Kaurich, Deno Tants, Peter Lackey, Kevin Lisek, Joe Jnusz, Brian Portlock.



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Jeff Ogiego, senior, is forced to punt at a Crown Point game. The Pirates lost 24-0.



Eric Miner, sophomore, runs a sweep outside against Michigan City. The JV Pirates won 14-0.

#### 1983 Varsity Football

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	0	24
Lake Central	10	30
Chesterton	20	17
M.C. Rogers	28	0
Portage	0	14
West Side	28	6
Valparaiso	16	13
Andrean	23	3
Hobart	0	23
LaPorte	13	0

#### 1983 JV Football

	MHS	OPP
LaPorte	13	6
Munster	10	13
Chesterton	20	14
M.C. Rogers	14	0
Portage	7	9
Bishop Noll	20	6
Valparaiso	7	14
Andrean	35	6
Hobart	7	21

"The name of the game is still winning, no matter what the system is. Teams have to do good in order to win. I play every game to win."

Sean  
Dougherty,  
Senior



Kawicki

Waters

Caroline Gulp, senior, returns a serve from her opponent. Caroline was MHS's leading singles player.

Steve Ramusack, junior, shows great intensity during a conference tennis match.



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Boys Tennis — Front Row: Dan Wikse, Jim Marando, Geoff Chidsey. Back Row: Pat Nealon, Steve Ramusack, Toby Darkins, Bob Stephan, Joe Amiling, coach.

Girls Tennis — Front Row: Ana Dobriljevic, Nikki Yonker, Jennifer Elbel, Pam Sawochka, Caroline Gulp, Lisa Primer, Lana Pantelic, Kara East. Back Row: Maryann Mathis, Lisa Tidwell, Bill Carson, coach, Laura Hanas, Marla Kaser.

# TENNIS



## Girls win conference; boys team relies on underclassmen

Having a large majority of underclassmen on the boys varsity tennis team, they managed to finish well.

The team had only three seniors, but the juniors and sophomores helped carry the weight. With Toby Darkins, senior, Steve Ramusack, and Dan Wikes, juniors, it was hard to beat the Pirates in singles.

In the doubles category, the combination of Bob Stephan, senior, and Jim Marando, junior, was hard to beat. Still, their record was 7-11.

Joe Amling, tennis coach, stated, "They're an average team but played hard... their only problem was not much depth."

On the other hand, the girls tennis team had an amazing season. With the powers of Caroline Guip, Nikki Yonker, Pam Sawochka, seniors, Lana Pantelic, Jennifer Ebel, Lisa Primer, juniors, and Kara East, sophomore, the Lady Pirates reached startling heights.

They had a record of 16-3, and for the first time in MHS history, they won the Duneland Conference Title.

The team's improvement was attributed to the new coach Bill Carson, and the hard effort put in by the team. "We wanted to be better so we worked harder and strived to win," commented Marla Kaser, senior.

— Dave Kierzkowski

Toby Darkins, senior, warms up for a match by vollying with a teammate.



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### Boys Tennis

	MHS	OPP
LaPorte	1	4
Crown Point	2	3
M.C. Rogers	2	3
Lowell	5	0
Hobart	2	3
Portage	1	4
Chesterton	4	1
Vaiparaiso	1	4
LaPorte	0	5
Andreas	2	3
M.C. Rogers	3	2
Hobart	3	2
Portage	4	4
Chesterton	3	2
Vaiparaiso	2	3

### Girls Tennis

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	L	W
Griffith	W	L
Bishop Noll	W	L
Lowell	W	L
Lake Central	W	L
Wheeler	W	L
Gavit	W	L
Lake Station	W	L
Vaiparaiso	W	L
Portage	W	L
Chesterton	W	L
Munster	L	W
Hobart	W	L
Highland	W	L
M.C. Rogers	W	L
Calumet	W	L
LaPorte	W	L



"We wanted to be better so we worked harder and strived to win."

Marla Kaser,  
Senior

**Boys Cross Country**

	MHS	OPP
Andreas	W	L
Roosevelt	L	W
Lowell	W	L
Griffith	W	L
Portage	L	W
Munster	W	L
LaPorte	W	L
Valparaiso	L	W
Chesterton	L	W

**Girls Cross Country**

	MHS	OPP
Flossmore	L	W
Crown Point	L	W
Portage	L	W
Valparaiso	L	W
LaPorte	L	W
Chesterton	L	W
Highland	L	W
Munster	W	L
Lake Central	L	W
Bishop Noll	W	L

"We had top runners that gave a lot of teams a race for their money."



Fernando  
Martinez,  
Senior



Kawicki



Teammates Robin Sanko and Sonia Hylche, Juniors, run together during a meet. The girls new coach was Betsy Bousch.

Don Rodgers, sophomore, leads the pack during a meet at Hidden Lake.

Scott



# Weiser sets school record; girls beat individual times

There were mixed results in Cross Country. The girls had a tough season, but the boys were promising.

Although their season wasn't as rewarding as they hoped for, Coach Betsy Basch said, "The girls kept their enthusiasm up throughout the season. They are very dedicated and have good attitudes."

The girls worked against themselves as well as their opponents. Robin Sanko, junior, replied, "One of the hardest parts of cross country is beating your old time."

The girls ended their season with a record of 2-8.

The boys team had high hopes through

the season. Coach Jim Moody replied, "We were hoping to make it to sectionals, regionals and semi-state, just like last year."

Fernie Martinez, senior, was a leader on the team. He stated about his teammates that "we had top runners that could give a lot of teams a race for their money."

That's exactly what they did as their record proved. Many outstanding runners contributed to this, and a school record was set by Chris Weiser, junior, with a time of 16:16 in three-miles.

— Buffy Palvas



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Boys Cross Country: Front Row — Scott Semper, Don Rodgers, Chris Wieser, John Guzman. Second Row — Paul Kasprzak, Richard Hernandez, Jason Mikulka. Back Row — Mike Yakubec, Fernie Martinez, Doug Lind, Craig Parker, Coach Jim Moody.

Girls Cross Country: Bottom Row — Robin Sanko, Liz Martinez, Diane Metcalf. Second Row — Robin Benson, Diane Mirlich, Chris Braun, Sonya Hytche, Kathi Crowder. Back Row — Sandy Braun, Coach Betsy Bousch, Anna Lopez.

# 'Working together' sends lady Spikers to semi-state

The girls volleyball team proved that working together makes a good team.

Coach Joe Starkey said, "We win because everyone contributes to the team effort."

Jennifer Thompson, senior, also said, "We all work together and try to help each other out."

During the last few weeks of summer vacation, the girls were hard at work practicing for their upcoming season.

The team consisted of 13 members, including co-captains Jennifer Thompson and Jennifer Duncan, seniors.

Diane Vermillion, senior, said, "Thompson keeps the team up when we are winning or losing."

The Lady Spikers ended their season with a record of 17-8. They successfully

made it to semi-state, winning the first game to Plymouth but losing to Mishawaka.

What kept the team going through their season?

Thompson commented, "The Griffith Tournament was the turning point of the season. That's when we began rolling toward a winning year."

Kara East, sophomore, added, "I thought we had good fan support for semi-state, and it really helped boost the team's moral."

Thompson added, "I think everyone wanted to play and win."

Coach Starkey commented, "Thompson, Duncan and Vermillion do well on keeping up the senior leadership."

— Kris Kouvelas



Jennifer Duncan, senior, serves the ball during the first Semi-state game. MHS defeated Plymouth.

Varsity Volleyball Team: Front Row — Valerie Pappas, Jennifer Thompson, Diane Wilk, Karen Ector, Kara East. Second Row — Pam Wilczynski, Sandy Tharp. Third Row — Laura Kapitan, Coach Joe Starkey, Diane Vermillion. Fourth Row — Jennifer Duncan, Jill Habyrach. Back Row — Melissa Henrichs.

Kara East, junior, bumps the ball to one of her teammates. The Lady Pirates were 22-9 for the year.



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Spiking the ball Diane Vermillion, senior, scores a point for MHS.

"The Griffith Tournament was the turning point of the season. That's when we began rolling toward a winning year."



Jennifer  
Thompson,  
Senior

Volleyball

	MHS	OPP
Hammond Gavit	W	L
Crown Point	L	W
Lake Central	W	L
LaPorte	L	W
Lake Station	W	L
Lowell	L	W
Calumet	L	W
Chesterton	L	W
Bishop Noll	W	L
Hanover Central	W	L
Chesterton	W	L
Hammond Noll	W	L
Munster	W	L
M.C. Rogers	L	W
Hammond Morton	W	L
Griffith	W	L
South Bend St. Joe	L	W
Andrean	W	L
Plymouth	L	W
Highland	W	L
Hobart	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L
Hebron	W	L
Portage	W	L
Sectionals		
River Forest	W	L
Andrean	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L
Regionals		
Gary Roosevelt	W	L
Crown Point	W	L
Semi-State		
Plymouth	W	L
Mishawaka	L	W

# Pirates 'put it together' after slow start

The varsity boys basketball team started off slow, but they started redeeming themselves by the fourth game. The team lost its first three games to Lake Station, Lew Wallace and South Bend Adams.

Jeff Kontar, senior, commented, "Our confidence and pride was hurt, but we were determined to have a winning season, so we practiced harder."

They then started on a three game winning streak. The Pirates defeated Gary West Side, 60-54; demolished Andrean, 72-34; and tore apart Hammond High, 62-46. Mike Meschede, senior, led the team in scoring throughout most of these games.

Merrillville hosted Valparaiso, but the Pirates gave the Vikings a tough battle, losing the game, 55-40. The Vikings were ranked 6th in the state at the time of the game.

Next, the Pirates hosted another state ranked team, Lake Central. Meschede led the team in scoring with 19 points. He also held Lake Central's top scorer to 8 points below his average. The Pirates shocked Lake Central, by defeating them 59-52.

The middle of the season crept up fast with the Highland Holiday Tourney right around the corner. The first game of the tourney was against Highland. Kontar led all scorers with 22 points. The final score of the game was 58-51. The championship game was between the Pirates and the Crown Point Bulldogs. The Pirates won the game and the title by defeating the Bulldogs, 63-53.

Kontor stated, "It was a good victory because the team played with togetherness and not as individuals. It boosted our confidence."

After taking a short holiday break, the Pirates traveled to Hobart to face the Brickies. The Brickies surprised the Pirates and defeated them by one point. However, the next evening the Pirates showed the crowd just how good they really were. They hosted the Roosevelt Panthers and beat them 53-51.

Dave Herbert, junior, stated, "After having beat a couple of state ranked teams, other teams began to realize that they had to prepare for us. This win helped the team out."

Chesterton became the next Pirate victim. The Pirates won 53-37, with Branko Jocic, senior, scoring 20 points. The Bucs won their next two games before facing Delray Brooks and the Michigan City Rogers Raiders. MHS lost 77-66 to the number one ranked team in the state.

The Pirates ended regular season play by defeating Portage, Highland and Michigan City Elston. Meschede scored 30 points in each of these two last games. (continued on page 110)



MHS star Mike Meschede, senior, gets inside position on four Gary West Side players and scores two of his 22 points.

## BASKETBALL



Driving up the middle, Jeff Kontor, senior, shoots over a Gary West Side player.

Joe Plenta, senior, leads the Pirates out onto the court.



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Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Ken Krmopotich, manager, Joe Plenta, Jeff Kontor, Mike Meschede, Dan French, Matt Nasplinski, Bob Moore, manager, Scott Terek, manager. Back Row: Coach Don Sly, Sherman Iszak, trainer, Dave Herbert, Branko Jocic, Art Geberin, Mark Vincent, Chris Massa, Brian Reeves, Coach Jim East, Nick Bumbulas, trainer.

# MHS loses to state-bound Indians in OT

After a snow delay, the post season tourney finally began. The team had a little over a week to practice for sectionals. Coach Jim East was pretty confident going into the sectional play. He thought that his team had just as good of a chance to win as any other team.

He stated, "It is pretty evenly matched. We always play like champions because we are defending champions."

MHS drew Griffith for their first game. The Panthers played a hard-nosed game, losing 59-58. Kontor had 23 points, and Meschede had 13 rebounds.

Next, the team faced Calumet and won easily, 68-43. The championship game was between Merrillville and Lake Central. The game was a very close. In the end, Lake Central beat the Pirates, 46-45, in overtime.

However, the team did much better than people anticipated they would do.

Matt Nasinski, junior, commented, "Through all of our hard work, we ended up with a much better record than most people expected."

Coach East prepared the young men for the season with preseason running and conditioning.

Meschede commented, "This year is

probably the hardest we have conditioned. We have to condition so hard because we press and gamble a lot on defense. I think the conditioning has paid off even though I did not run all of the time."

He added, "Being cohesive on and off the floor helps provide for the winning attitude that is needed to be successful in a quality basketball program."

Coach East was happy with the overall attitude of the team. The team was full of leaders. Meschede led the team in 14 single game categories and 14 season categories. He was voted MVP of the team. Kontor led the team in one single game category and four season categories. Joe Plenta, senior, was voted Best Mental Attitude by his teammates.

Coach East stated, "The over-all attitude of the team was good. The team accepted me as a coach, and they all pretty much knew their roles."

This year the student fan support was not very good. Most fan support came from adults.

Coach East said that fan support contributes to the team's play. He stated, "It definitely affects the team, but I told my players that they should get going on their own."

— Shari Moore

The Pirate bench shows their support for their teammates.

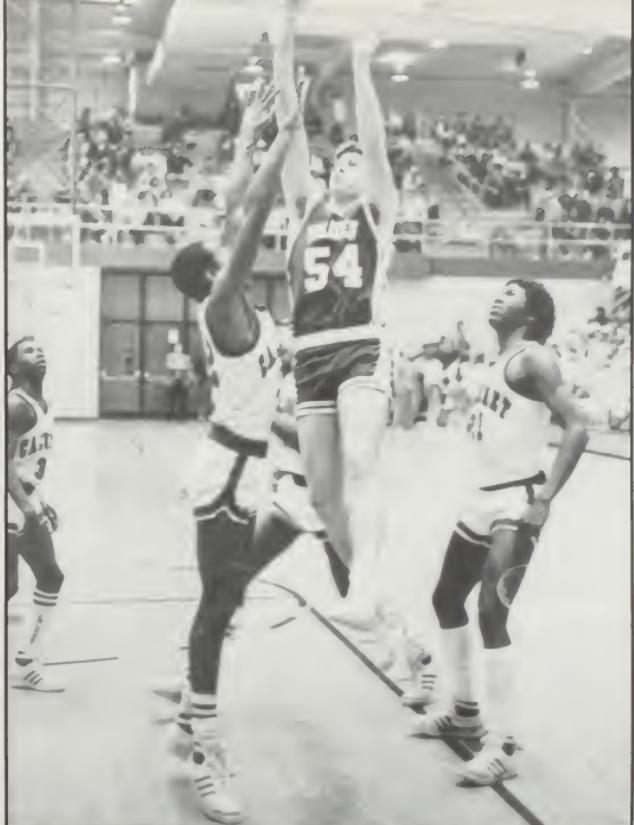
Looking for an open teammate, Dave Herbert, junior, tries to give out another assist. The Pirates defeated Andrean, 72-34, on Faculty Night.



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A Gary Roosevelt player tries to block Branko Jocic's shot, but Jocic, senior, out jumps him and shoots over the defender.



#### Varsity Basketball

	MHS	OPP
Lake Station	41	44
Lew Wallace	44	61
South Bend Adams	56	57
Gary West Side	60	54
Andrean	72	34
Hammond	62	46
Valparaiso	40	55
Lake Central	59	52
<b>HIGHLAND INVITATIONAL</b>		
Highland	58	51
Crown Point	63	53
Hobart	59	60
Gary Roosevelt	53	51
Chesterton	53	37
Crown Point	63	55
LaPorte	46	42
Munster	75	53
Michigan City Rogers	66	77
Portage	37	36
Highland	79	59
Michigan City Elston	79	69
<b>SECTIONAL</b>		
Griffith	59	58
Calumet	68	43
Lake Central	45	46 (OT)

#### JV Basketball

	MHS	OPP
Lake Station	61	26
Lew Wallace	40	35
South Bend Adams	41	37
Gary West Side	29	34
Andrean	54	34
Hammond	25	40
Lake Central	46	42
<b>LAKE CENTRAL TOURNAMENT</b>		
Highland	45	35
Lake Central	62	46
Hobart	54	23
Gary Roosevelt	33	36
Chesterton	43	30
Crown Point	35	35
LaPorte	42	45
Munster	51	41
Michigan City Rogers	57	61
Portage	46	40
Highland	55	40
Michigan City Elston	39	37



Dan French, Junior, shoots over a Calumet defender during sectional play. The Pirates won the game, 68-43.

JV Basketball — Front Row: Scott Rosenbalm, Lou Castellani, John Wilczynski, Brian Portlock, Brent Isenberg, Brian Singer. Back Row: Larry Kacmar, Dan Green, Tim Bianco, Mark Vincent, Art Geberlin, Ron Smith, Coach Don Sly.



"Being cohesive on and off the floor helps provide for the winning attitude that is needed to be successful in a quality basketball program."

Mike Meschede,  
senior

Jennifer Thompson, senior, takes a jump shot against Lake Station.



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Karen Cook, freshman, shows her quick release as she tries to block a shot against Michigan City Rogers.

Shari Moore, senior, shoots for two points. Moore broke the school record for the most points scored in a game, 37.



#### Girls Basketball

	MHS	Opp
Hammond Morton	43	34
LaPorte	52	67
Bishop Noll	54	37
Highland	37	34
Andrean	52	39
Portage	67	52
Munster	46	28
Hammond High	45	38
Whiting	40	36
Chesterton	36	46
Lake Central	33	35
Gary Roosevelt	38	42
Hobart	54	34
Lake Station	57	32
Valparaiso	33	48
Crown Point	34	50
Calumet	55	27
M.C. Rogers	43	54
SECTIONALS		
Lowell	80	51
Crown Point	19	49

"Mr. Regan has really helped me out a lot. He definitely has to be the best girls basketball coach in the state."



Shari Moore,  
Senior

## Moore sets school records

"The girls basketball team played the toughest schedule of all times in Northwestern Indiana because we wanted to play the best," stated Coach Mike Regan.

Practice started the second week of school. Their season began Oct. 10 and ended Feb. 5. The Lady Pirates had a season with a record of 12-8.

Shari Moore, senior, had an outstanding year, leading the Lady Pirates in scoring and assists. Moore stated, "Mr. Regan has really helped me out a lot. He definitely has to be the best girls basketball coach in the state. He worked hard to get us ready for the season. People don't realize how tough it is to coach a girls team. Regan made it seem easy."

Coach Regan commented, "Shari has shown her ability to play all parts of the game. She holds many school records. Shari is among the best three players in Northwestern Indiana."

Janice Lilly, senior, said, "Shari is one of my best friends on the basketball

court and off. She is one of the best players in Northwestern Indiana. She is always willing to help others and I am thankful for how much she has helped me throughout my senior year."

"The most improved player to come through the Merrillville girls basketball team was Diane Vermillion," stated Coach Regan. "She's one of the five best players in the area," he added. Diane was also the leading rebounder of the team.

An important game of the season was the come back victory with Whiting in the Holiday Tourney Championship.

According to Coach Regan, "the team has become a team."

The girls played up to three games a week on school nights. "This was a hard schedule. Players have to be dedicated and involved to be on our team and to do this, and they are," added Coach Regan.

— Kris Kouvelas



Girls Basketball — Front Row: Karen Johnson, Jennifer Larson. Back Row: Coach Mike Regan, Deanna Riese, Jennifer Thompson, Shari Moore, Diane Vermillion, Tracy Koenig, Janice Lilly, Julie Fratzke, Coach Jim Vermillion.



Foremski

Lady Pirates show their defensive skills against Highland. MHS defeated the Trojans 37-34.

# New coach rebuilds Pirate swim program

Girls Swimming — Front Row: Cathy Erdelac, Margie Gianikos, Lisa Modrak, Lori Dian, Elaine Zaronis, Joni Dornburg, Chris Froman, Frankie

Kowal. Back Row: Coach Jim Nickolov, Stacy Lawrence, Lori Gemeinhart, Amy Giordano, Josie Commarata, Suzie Lax, Jill Giordano.



Building Trade students aren't the only ones who rebuild. The MHS swim teams also had a rebuilding years.

Dan Steininger, senior, said, "I'm glad I swam this year. It was my best season, and I hope more people swim in the future."

Brian Cacic, senior, added, "We had such a young and large team that they will be better in the future."

The boys swim team had thirty members. A large number compared to the eight that returned from the year before.

Despite the large size of the team, their record was only 3-8. When asked about the size change, Steininger, added, "The quality went down, but the quantity went up."

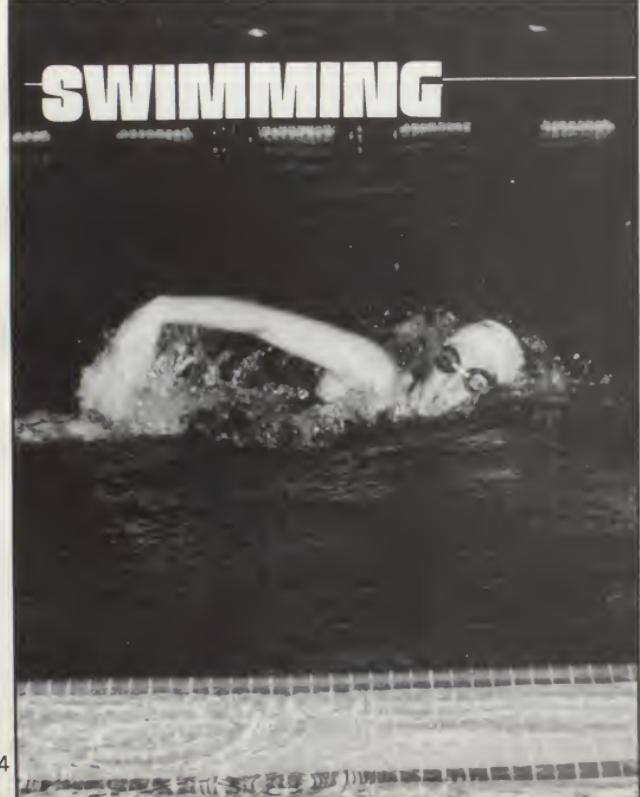
For the girls swim team, it was also a disappointing year. They had a large majority of underclassmen swimming. Suzie Lax, sophomore, commented, "Even though we had a bad season, we had fun and we worked together. But we need more competitive experience."

Both the boys and the girls had poor seasons, but it seemed pretty good for Coach Jim Nickolov. It was his first year coaching in the United States.

— Dave Klerckowski

Frankie Kowal, sophomore, executes an inward summersault. This was her first season diving for the Bucs.

Joni Dornburg, junior, swims free-style during practice. She swam several free style events.



photos/Kawicki



Rich Dyman, junior, leaves all the other swimmers behind in the 100 Breast Stroke. Rich was MHS's best in this event.



"We had such a young and large team that they will be better in the future."

Brian Cacic,  
senior

#### Boys Swimming

	MHS	OPP
Hobart	100	73
Valparaiso	59	113
Portage	81	91
Lake Central	70	101
Crown Point	83	87
Hammond	101	70
Munster	47	125
Chesterton	45	127
LaPorte	49	123
M.C. Rogers	115	57
Bishop Noll	62	109
Highland	53	119

#### Girls Swimming

	MHS	OPP
Chesterton	42	126
Highland	53	111
LaPorte	58	108
Valparaiso	53	117
Hobart	59	109
Lowell	85	85
M.C. Rogers	69	100
Portage	74	91
Lake Central	65	103
Munster	67	104
Crown Point	58	110



Boys Swimming — Front Row: Rich Barndela, Joe Nash, Dan Carlson, Jason Mikulka, Bryan Papa. Second Row: Coach Jim Nickolov, Paul Klimaszewski, Bill Zervos, Steve Pushka, Chris Yugo, Trevor Calhoun, Scott Hamilton. Third Row: Mike Lester, George Pavel, Rob Wozniak, Brian Cacic, Chris Patalis. Fourth Row: Coach

Burt McIntyre, George Marks, Rich D'Asto, Stephan Osoba, Jeff Kacir, Dan Steininger, Rob Johnson, Mark Jankowski, Rich Dyman. Back Row: Coach Bud Bellanger, Tim Sullivan, Peter Good, Mike Kowal, Scott Henderson, George Santiago, Rick Lesniak.

# GYMNASTICS

## Gymnastics

	MHS	OPP
M.C. Rogers	200.3	105.8
Lowell	204.35	109.2
Hobart	206.8	114.6
McEliston	202.75	94.65
LaPorte	199.75	144.2
Crown Point	207.15	204.35
Chesterton	214.1	208.0
Valparaiso	204.4	198.1
Highland	210.55	211.15
Portage	198.9	183.2

"I think the team's success is due to the fact we all get along and work well together.

This is  
very  
important"

Karen  
Dudak,  
sophomore



Sara McAnnally, senior, shows her poise and grace on the balance beam.



Gymnastics: Front Row — Jeanine Kierzkowski, Lisa Funder, Nancy Gress, Karen Dudak. Second Row — Coach Diane Roberts, Rene Mischler, Denise Darkins,

Deanna McPherson, Karen Kasperzak, Coach Diane Roberts. Back row — Amy Roberts, Jennifer Ogleo, Stacy Plesha, Sara McAnalily.



## Winning tradition continues as Karen Dudak captures state

Once again the MHS gymnastics team had an excellent season, including a state champion.

Karen Dudak, sophomore, stated, "I think the team's success is due to the fact we all get along and work well together. This is very important."

The team's success was obviously due to many outstanding individuals. Intermediate Dudak led the team all season. Dudak won sectional all-around, placed 2nd in regionals, and won state all-around. The State Championship was held at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis. Dudak captured her title in her second year of varsity gymnastics.

Karen Kasperzak, sophomore, led the team on bars, winning in sectionals.

Lisa Funder, sophomore, made the team on vault and on beam.

DeeAnna McPherson, freshman, broke the school floor record with a 9.55, and was first on the floor all season, winning in

sectionals and placing fifth in regionals.

Shawna Eberle, junior, placed in the top three on the beam and floor all season and made the sectional team.

In optionals, Jeanine Kierzkowski, junior, was named Most Valuable. She placed in the top three in sectionals and regionals, making it to state in all-around competition.

Nancy Gress and Sarah McAnalley, seniors, were named to the All-Conference team.

McAnalley stated, "I'm glad we won conference. This boosted the whole team's confidence."

Individuals were honored after the season. Dudak received the Drive, Determination, and Dedication Award, Best Mental Attitude, and Most Valuable Intermediate Gymnast. Kierzkowski was named Most Valuable Optional Gymnast. Funder was the Most Improved.

— Shawna Eberle, Buffy Palvas



Preparing to dismount from the uneven bars is Nancy Gress, senior.

Performing her high scoring floor routine, Jeanine Kierzkowski, sophomore, wins another event.

Displaying one of the talents that contributed to her title as State Champion, Karen Dudak, sophomore, performs on the bars.

"My season didn't go as planned. When I hurt my arm I lost a lot of strength in it."

Willie Croz,  
senior

**Varsity Wrestling**

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	46	16
LaPorte	42	12
Portage	49	15
Andrean	63	9
M.C. Rogers	53	8
Plymouth	56	13
Penn	44	23
Kokomo	52	12
Chesterton	55	11
Hobart	39	12
Valparaiso	47	16
Sectionals	1st	
Regionals	1st	Semi-state
1st		4th

**JV Wrestling**

	MHS	OPP
Portage	39	18
Calumet	21	51
Lowell	27	34
Munster	25	35
Crown Point	24	47
LaPorte	44	30
Portage	35	40
Andrean	44	12
Lowell	26	33
Highland	24	37
Portage	48	24
Crown Point	27	45
M.C. Rogers	40	15
Hobart	33	12
Chesterton	39	30
Valparaiso	27	35

# Mundell returns to state; he comes home a winner

Sweat and determination paid off for MHS wrestlers with a fourth place finish in state.

Six wrestlers qualified for state. But only Scott Mundell, senior, and Jay Mack, junior, placed. Mundell (34-0) clinched the state title in the 119 lbs. weight class. Mack (31-5) took fourth place in the 112 lbs. weight class.

"Scott is my first wrestler to win a state title as being head coach," commented Cameron. Mundell is MHS's first wrestler to win a state title since 1974, when Ken Dike won the heavyweight title.

Mundell is a four year letterman. He succeeded to break two school records set by Ken Turner, 1976-1978. Mundell broke the record for most wins in a career with a record of 102-12-1. In addition, he broke the record for the most pins in a career with 60 pins.

Mundell commented, "I was very happy when I won the final match be-

cause I had reached my goal, being the state champion."

In his road to state, Mundell had 41 falls and 43 takedowns. "Strength, flexibility, height and leverage were Scott's advantages over other wrestlers," said Cameron.

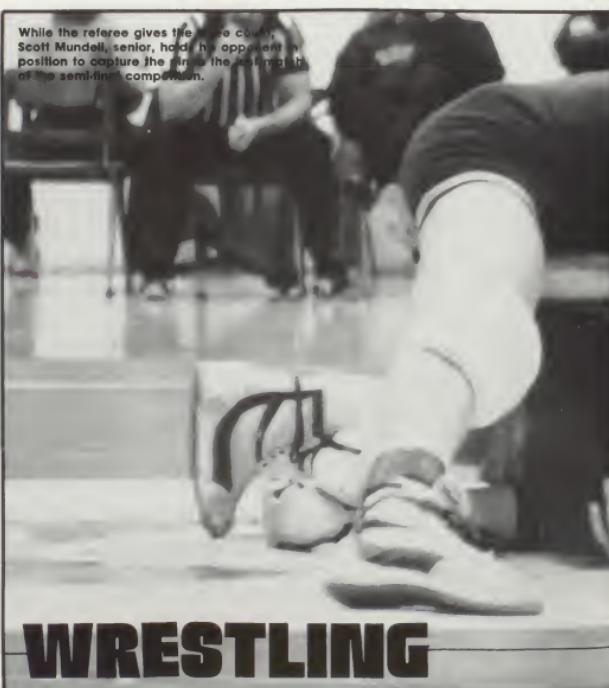
Mack, a two year letterman, received a fourth place finish for the second straight year. "I was pleased for Jay," stated Cameron.

In his trip to state, Mack had 10 falls and 49 takedowns. "I was very pleased with my performance at state. It turned out real well," commented Mack.

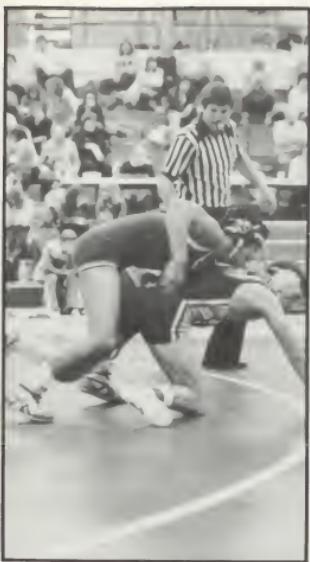
Another MHS hopeful, Willie Cruz, senior, was injured in regionals. Cruz hyperextended his arm in competition but was able to go down state. "My season didn't go as planned. When I hurt my arm, I lost a lot of my strength in it," stated Cruz.

— Andrea Kawicki

While the referee gives the green count, Scott Mundell, senior, holds his opponent in position to capture the final the semi-final of the semi-final competition.



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With a watchful eye on the line, Willie Cruz, senior, tries to maneuver his opponent back on the mat.

Jay Mack, junior, uses all his strength to overcome his opponent in the semi-state competition.



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Varsity Wrestling — Front Row: Mike Lisch, Tom Magiera, Jay Mack, Scott Mundell, Willie Cruz, Al Garcia, Jack McKinney. Back Row: Coach Rick Hurey, Mike Miner, Brian Bardeson, Erik Miner, Nick Pappas, Jon Rhodes, David Mriscin, Andre Dubois, Coach Tom Cameron.

JV Wrestling — Front Row: John Allen, Scott Stevens, Mark Lucas, Oscar Rodriguez, Bob Nicksic, Joe Budner, Steve Gallegos. Second Row: Chris Karson, Don Brant, Brian Valese, Mark Mahaffey, Jim Bittner, Joe Gavelak, Mike Dinatale, John Kouskousakis, Frank Gonzales. Back Row: Coach Tom Cameron, Coach Woody Melcher, Mike Klevikas, David Gee, Dan Nunez, Steve Mundell, Brian Storey, Coach Rick Hurey.

## On the links, Pirates advance to post-season tournaments

### Girls Golf

	MHS	OPP
M.C. Elston	236	192
Portage	221	220
M.C. Marquette	222	186
LaPorte	201	180
Culver	223	207
Chesterton	218	207
Andream	218	198
M.C. Rogers	214	168
Rensselaer	210	188
Hobart	205	236
Munster	218	245
Valparaiso	216	181

### Boys Golf

	MHS	OPP
Hobart	154	164
M.C. Elston	335	328
Valparaiso	158	149
Portage	154	167
LaPorte	164	160
Highland	164	178
Andream	158	168
Lake Central	158	171
Chesterton	159	164
M.C. Rogers	155	173
Crown Point	171	184
Hobart	160	169
Valparaiso	163	162
Portage	163	178
M.C. Marquette	225	330
Penn	225	335
Culver	225	375
M.C. Rogers	163	181
Griffith	164	168
Chesterton	164	179

"Consistency is the key to our success this year."

Neil Miller,  
senior



The Boys Golf Team showed major improvement. With Rudy Mihelic, Rick Renner, Neil Miller, seniors, and Steve Ramusack, Tom Lipton, juniors, leading the way, the boys golf team finished 8th in state.

Some of the high points of the season occurred when MHS placed fifth at the Rensselaer Invitational and fifth at the Homestead Invitational by an amazing 12 strokes. This was a great improvement since they did not even place the year before.

Kevin Mowery, sophomore, stated,

"Everyone became a little more consistent in their game."

Miller dropped his average from 44 to 41. "Consistency is the key to our success this year," stated Neil Miller, senior.

The girls, on the other hand, had their problems. They were lacking in depth and leadership. They feel that they will improve in the future.

However, the girls had one bright spot Jennifer Ebel, junior, excelled individually throughout the year and competed in regionals.

— Dave Kierzkowski  
Granham

# GOLF





Rudy Mihelic, senior, puts on the 18th hole. Rudy was MHS's leading golfer throughout the season as the Pirates placed 2nd in regional competition.

Neil Miller, senior, drives from the fourth hole against Valparaiso.



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Teeing off at the fourth hole, Rick Renner, junior, makes an attempt at par.



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Girls Golf — Front Row: Kathy Pederson, Amy Cook, Kim Greene. Back Row: Lisa Gatlin, Lisa Primer, Ed Wiles, coach, Jennifer Ebel, Yvonne Boone.

Boys Golf — Rudy Mihelic, Rick Renner, Steve Ramusack, Max Hutchison, coach, Tom Lipton, Neil Miller.

Displaying excellent offensive skills, Paul Trpkovski maneuvers past a Wirt player.



# SOCER

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Watching the team, Drew Furuness, coach, supervises practice.

Soccer — Front Row: Pete Metlov, Marco Perez, Tom Papadopoulos, Paul Lazaroski, Savo Cucuz, George Mavros, Savo Micic. Second Row: Paul Trpkovski, Manuel Garcia, Terry Wood, Bob Gasich, Kelly Kaurich, Kevin Hamer, Tom Gallias, Branko Jasnic. Back Row: Drew Furuness, Coach, Vojt Dukic, Srecko Suvajac, Danny Jocic, Branko Jocic, Rob Johnson, Eli Kostur, Bill Ojace, Rich Hurey, Coach



Grantham

# Injuries hamper MHS soccer team; girls pitch to 15-1 record

The Soccer team had a record of 5-7, as injuries hindered their performance throughout the year.

Among the injured were George Mavros, senior, Kelly Kaurich, junior, and also one of the co-captains Paul Lozanoski, senior. He stated, "with so many injuries we were not at full strength the entire year. This definitely hampered the team."

Along with a string of injuries there was a lot of inexperience. With twenty-two members, there were only five seniors and the rest consisted of underclassmen.

Co-captain Branko Jocic, senior, commented, "With so many young players, it was a learning experience and a year for development." Drew Furuness, coach

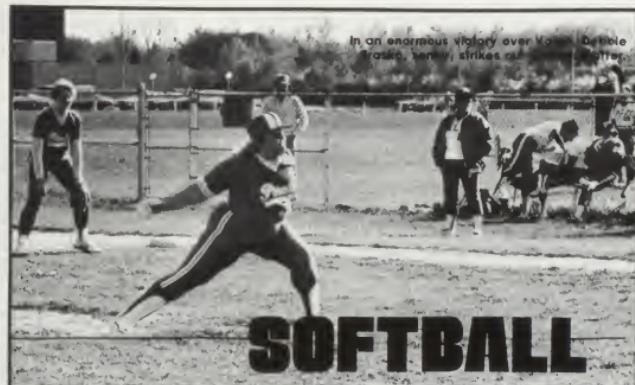
of the soccer team, looks forward to a bright future and is proud of Jocic, who in his high school career established the most goals scored.

In addition to soccer, softball gave Merrillville a new winning tradition. With a 15-1 record and unofficially the Duneland Conference title, the team can look forward to many more victories.

Some of the players began practicing in late February and early March, and as captain Patti McNally, senior, stated, "The team really respects Joe Starkey as a coach and as a great friend."

Next year, the team will start to compete in the state tournament along with the Duneland Conference battle.

— Kris Kouvelas



Soccer		
	MHS	OPP
Hammond High	6	0
Wirt	3	2
Chesterton	0	1
Portage	1	14
Lake Central	2	0
Andrean	5	3
Munster	2	4
Highland	2	3
Chesterton	3	2
Wirt	1	3
Portage	1	9

Softball		
	MHS	OPP
Bloom Trail	2	6
Thornwood	1	0
M.C. Marquette	16	3
Crown Point	4	0
M.C. Rogers	5	0
LaPorte	16	0
Portage	14	2
Morton	10	3
Andrean	15	0
Chesterton	12	0
St. Joe	11	2
St. Joe	7	0
Valparaiso	21	4
LaPorte	20	2
M.C. Rogers	3	0
Valpo	11	0



"The team really respects Joe Starkey as a coach and as a great friend." Patti

McNally, senior



Softball — Front Row: Liz Wardell, Julie Joestowski, Candy Rathjen, Tony Banashak. Second Row: Patty Spitz, Christie Lind, Pam Wilczynski, Joe Starkey, coach, Susan Spitz, Gigi Virgin. Back Row: April Jurasevich, Patty Haupt, Jenny Bailey, Pat Mulloy, coach, Patti McNally, Debbie Trzaska.

**Varsity Baseball**

	MHS	OPP
Hammond High	7	4
Hammond High	19	3
E.C. Washington	1	4
West Side	26	1
Chesterton	9	3
Gary Roosevelt	8	2
Andrean	8	5
Hammond Baptist	10	0
LaPorte	4	1
Andrean	8	5
Portage	9	2
M.C. Rogers	3	7
Hobart	12	1
Valparaiso	3	9
Crown Point	2	4
Crown Point	9	4
Chesterton	2	0
M.C. Rogers	4	0
Valparaiso	11	9
North Newton	13	0
LaPorte	1	4
Rensselaer	3	1
Rensselaer	13	3
Portage	2	6
Hobart	6	10
Highland	10	3
Hammond Clark	11	5
Hammond Clark	3	2
Bishop Noll	11	4

**JV Baseball**

	MHS	OPP
Chesterton	5	4
Crown Point	3	1
LaPorte	0	4
M.C. Rogers	7	3
Portage	4	5
Valparaiso	9	0
Chesterton	22	8
M.C. Rogers	4	1
Andrean	17	6
LaPorte	2	4
Valparaiso	8	9
Portage	4	0
Andrean	13	7
Hobart	4	12

"This season was very exciting. We had a lot of experience to help us out and the underclassmen did a great job when called upon."

Ken Haupt,  
senior



A perfect bunt was laid down by Jeff Howard, senior. He was given the opportunity for a Junior Olympics tryout.

# BASEBALL

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Mark Krutz, junior, shows his winning form as he pitches against Valparaiso.

Ray Govert, senior, anticipates the oncoming pitch.

# Player's experience contributes to winning season for MHS

The varsity boys baseball team had a remarkable year. They used the experience they had to achieve a sectional title.

Ken Haupt, senior, stated, "This season was very exciting. We had a lot of experience to help us out and the underclassmen did a great job when called upon."

The team got off to a quick start by defeating Hammond High twice in a double header. They then lost to East Chicago Washington.

After this loss, they came on strong and won their next eight games before losing to Michigan City Rogers. Included in these wins was a victory against LaPorte.

LaPorte is always tough in baseball, and at the time the Pirates beat them, they were ranked in the top ten in the state.

Midway through the season, MHS defeated Hobart by the score of 12-1, but they then lost to Valparaiso in extra innings. The Pirates then split a double header with Crown Point. Starting with the second Crown Point game, the Pi-

rates got hot again and won their next eight games.

Next, MHS lost two games before winning their last five games.

Ray Govert, senior, commented, "We had a much better year than expected."

Haupt led the team in pitching during the regular season with a 9-2 record. He had help from Govert and Craig Kosac, seniors, and Mark Krutz, Corky Kerstett, and Mark Schmidt, juniors.

Jeff Howard, senior, led the team in batting. His batting average was .413. Because of this outstanding statistic, Howard was given a tryout for the AAU Junior Olympic team. Scott Jenks, senior, followed close behind with a .372 average.

Dan French, junior, summed up the season by saying, "We had ups and downs, but overall we had a successful season."

Jeff St. Germain, junior, also agreed. He stated, "The injuries which occurred during the season affected the team a lot."

— Shari Moore



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Varsity Baseball — Front Row: Bob Moore, Gary Conn, and Christie Irwin, managers. Second Row: Ray Govert, Steve Wilczynski, Rob Zolick, Scott Jenks, Jeff St. Germain, Mark Schmidt, Jeff Howard, Ken Haupt. Back Row:

Bill Metcalf, coach, Ed Puskar, Craig Kosac, Tom Martin, Mike Shaytovich, Dan French, Brian Reeves, Corky Kerstett, Mark Krutz, Tim Riese.



JV Baseball — Front Row: Chuck Tipton, Dan Jenkins, Brett St. Germain, Jeff Law, Gary Conn, manager, Chris Kerulis, Randy Wylie, Brian Singer, Dave Scott. Back Row: Steve Sivianich,

Dan Burns, Chris Tobias, Larry Lopez, Fenton Mackey, coach, Chris Cochran, Scott Rosenbaum, Steve Kish, Rod Chiabai.



# Eubank wins 2nd in state; new coach leads girls 8-3

MHS track teams boosted successful seasons in '84.

The boys track team finished with only two losses.

Ron Maihofer, junior, commented, "The practices were hard at times, but you need to work hard to do well. Although the weather was cold, the boys still worked hard."

Dave Kierzowski, senior, stated, "We didn't have many returning people from last year, but we excelled."

The team was divided into different groups, but Mark Dimitri, Carl Tully and Brian Curcio, seniors, were essential leaders, according to Laffey Armontrout, coach.

Individually, Neil Eubank, junior, won 2nd at state in the shot put after holding the state best throw throughout the sea-

son.

Also, the girls had an outstanding track season. There were many changes from past years including coaching changes. The girls proved their excellence.

Robin Wade, senior, stated, "Even though having a new coach was hard to adjust to, we still did very well." Lyle Steepling took the position of head coach.

According to Jack Neuliep, coach, captains Kim Schulz and Janet Jason, seniors, were the leaders of the team.

Outstanding times of 12.4 in the 100 meter and 26.4 in the 200 meter events were set by Deneane Gallo, sophomore.

Jason, senior, commented, "The team was close and worked well with the coaches."

— Buffy Palvas

"The practices were hard at times, but you need to work hard to do well."

Although the weather was cold, the boys still worked hard."

Ron Maihofer, junior



## Girls Track

	MHS	OPP
Andrean	55	54
Portage	58	51
Chesterton	49	60
Lake Station	85	23
Bishop Noll	69	40
Gavit	57.5	47.5
Munster	57.5	32
LaPorte	66	47
Rogers	90	19
Lake Central	39	70
Hobart	57	52
Valparaiso	47	62

## Boys Track

	MHS	OPP
Griffith	82	77
Hobart	82	38
T.F. South	82	19
Andrean	100	27
Roosevelt	38	89
Portage	72	55
Chesterton	68	59
Valparaiso	38	89
LaPorte	95	32
Hobart	69	58



Rounding the turn, Diane Metcalf carries a relay baton in a homecoming race.



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Girls Track — Front Row: Shari Sullivan, Chris Braun, Wendy Eaton, Renee Mischler, Chris Cunningham, Robin Sanko, Janet Stewart. Second Row: Ann Elliot, Sonya Hytche, Deneane Gallo, Mary Naumoski, Stecy Plesha, De De Knop, Janet Jaslin. Third Row: Carl Zueleger, Amy Roberts, Diane Metcalf, Michelle Sikula, Lisa Olejnik, Brenda Hippie, Robin

Benson, Amy Giudano. Fourth Row: Lyle Steepling, coach, Michelle Zakatansky, Jill Giordano, Karen Ector, Chris Figueira, Gall Jolesky, Diana Mirich, Heidi Yonker, Sheri Guernsey, Toni Miller, coach. Back Row: Jack Neuliep, coach, Chris Daniel, Laura Vrlikapa, Regan Plesha, Kim Scholz, Chris Reynolds, Carole Stanik, Robin Wade, Lori Funder.



# TRACK

McKinney

With a look of determination, Neil Eubank, junior, wins the shot put event. Eubank went on to win the state title.

Clearing the bar, Dave Kierzkowski, senior, excels in the pole vault.



Boys Track — Front Row: Scott Henderson, Brian Kresik, Ed Yonker, Ron Maihater, Joe Jamrock, Chip Ashley, Mike Mesarch. Second Row: Wally Mucha, Chris Miller, Chris Weiser, Brian Curcio, Craig Parker, Brad Curcio, John Czurman. Third Row: Tim Beird, Gregg Schuster, Neil Eubank, Darrin DeBoy, Mike Demakas, Dennis Bunda, Mike Machia. Fourth Row: Bud Belanger, coach, Mark Dimitri, Dave Kierzkowski, Carl Tully, Bill Gornick, Dan Bellovary, Jim Dimitri, Latey Armontrout, coach. Back Row: Kevin Perryman, coach, Dan Gojmerac, Dave Megier, Dan Steininger, Sean Dougherty, Larry Kacmar, Rich Hernandez, Fred Summers.

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## Watch us make new friends

Watch us.  
We are the students of  
MHS.

This is the place where  
we will make friendships  
and memories to last us a  
lifetime.

Many new friendships  
were started at Sophomore  
Orientation, at  
which juniors and seniors  
welcomed new sophomores to MHS.

Lisa Funder, sophomore,  
commented, "I got  
to meet a lot of new people  
at Sophomore Orientation,  
and the first day of  
school was a lot of familiar  
faces which made

things a lot easier."

Students show their  
friendships in many ways.  
One of the most popular  
is sharing lockers.

"We have about five  
people in our locker.  
We're a little bit jammed,  
but it's more convenient  
and you get to see your  
friends during the day  
more if you all have to  
come to the same locker  
between classes," explained  
Mandy Leposky, senior.

Many students are  
faced with the problem  
of having their brothers or  
sisters in school with them.

However, Theresa  
Berger, senior, stated,  
"It's not a problem at all  
having my sister here in  
school with me. I think it  
brings us closer because  
we have a lot of the  
same friends."

Watch us!

**Making up a history test is Dale Niemeyer, junior.**

**Krissy Perez, sophomore, studies her math assignment.**

**Enjoying the football game are Jane Chentnik and Melissa Henrichs, seniors.**

**Helping students with computers is Tom Peller, computer teacher.**

"Our senior year  
proved to be a year of  
growth and achievement"  
Rod Urbano,  
Senior Class Treasurer

Senior Class Officers — Front Row: Brian  
Curcio, vice president; Mark Dimitri, president.  
Back Row: Dawn Spiroff, secretary; Rod  
Urbano, treasurer.



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## Class of '84

**Terry Abney, Becky Adams —**  
Chair 9, FHA 10, Spanish Club 12  
**Mary Aeschliman —** Choir 9  
**Denise Anderson —** Cheerleading 9, Choir  
9, 10, 11, Powder Puff 10, 11





**Brian Bardeson** — Football 1, 11, 12  
Track 9, Wrestling 10, 11, 12. **Debbie Barnes, Cindy Bartman** — Choir 9.  
**Anthony Bartram** — Choir 9, 10, 11,  
12. Creative Arts 9, 10, 11, 12.

**Mark Bateman** — Band 9, 10, 11,  
12. **Kevin Bell** — J.V. Basketball 10,  
11; Choir 9. Football 10, 11, 12. M-  
Club 12. **Lance Bella** — Band 9, 10,  
11, 12. Chess Club 9. Football 9, 10,  
Orchestra 9, 12. Track 9. **Darryl Bennett**.

**Theresa Kathleen Berger** — Choir 9.  
Pom Poms 9. Powder Puff 10, 11, 12.  
OEA Club secretary 12. Operation Big Sister 11, 12. **Bob Berry,**  
**Michele Bes** — Newspaper 9. Pep  
Club 9. Pom Poms 9. **Donald Bianco**  
— A.V. Club 11, 12. Choir 9, 10, 11,  
12. Football 9. German Club 11, 12.  
Review 11, 12.

**Ron Bianco, Ed Bish, Lisa Mae Bonich** — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12.  
**Charlotte Borrmann** — Choir 10, 11,  
12.

**Mark Boyd** — Orchestra 9, 10, 11,  
12. **Catherine Braun** — Cross  
Country Manager 11. **Christine Braun** — Cross Country 10, 11.  
Captain 12. **Kathleen Brooks** —  
Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12. Spanish Club  
10, 11. Yearbook 9.



**Carin Brown, Richard Brown,**  
Thomas Brown — Football 10, 11,  
12 Track 9. **Angela Burger** —  
Creative Arts 11, FHA 12, Quest Club  
12.



**Chris Burke** — Football 9. **Robert Burke, Brian Cacic** — French Club  
10, 11, 12, M-Club 12, Swimming 9,  
10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10. **David Cacic**  
— Chess Club 9, Newspaper 9, Track  
9.



**Randall Cain, Angie Canchola** —  
Basketball 9; Chor 9, 10, 11, 12, Fall  
Play 10, Pom Pons 12, Powder Puff  
10, 11, Review 11, 12, Spanish Club  
10, Thespians 11, 12, Voccateens 11,  
12. **Suzanna Canchola** — Chor 9,  
10, 11, 12, Pep Club 9, Pom Pons 12,  
Powder Puff 10, 11, Spanish Club 10,  
11. **Paul Campbell**.



**Nancy Carlson** — Fall Play 10, 11,  
12 French Club 10, 11, 12, Pom Pons  
11, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, Review  
10, 11, 12, Thespians 11, 12. **Chris Carmiello** — Spanish Club 10. **Lisa Carrigan** — Powder Puff 11, 12.  
**Michelle Carrillo** — Chor 9, Powder  
Puff 12, Spanish Club 10, 11, Student  
Council 9.



**Wendy Carter** — OEA 12. **Leslie Cazangiu, Jeff Chadd, Dawn Chambers.**



**Claudia Chase** — French Club 10,  
11; Honor Society 11, 12; Powder Puff  
12; Volleyball 9. **Jana Chentnik**.

**Bridget Chibabai** — Choir 9;

Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12.

**Angela Christo** — Band 9, 10, 11;  
M-Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 10.  
Thespians 11, 12.

**Becky Christoff** — Choir 9. OFA 12

**Dan Christy**, **Chris Cimbaljevich** —

A.V. Club 9, Choir 9, Track 10.

**Cynthia E. Colie** — Choir 11, 12;  
Powder Puff 12; Quest Club 10, 12.

**Amy Cook** — Golf 11, 12; Powder  
Puff 10. **Mike Coppess**, **Joe Coto** —

FEA 10, 11, Quest Club 12, Review  
10, 11, 12; Spring Play 10, 11, 12;  
Thespians 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10.

**Ron Crabtree**.

## Class of '84

For many MHS students their senior year was a time to set new goals and begin planning for the future. The "84" senior class, though, was struck with a plague that hit epidemic levels.

Even though the medical profession has not recognized this disease, it has been named "senioritis" by most MHS students.

Senioritis in simple terms means day-dreaming in class, note writing to friends and a time to doodle instead of study.

By the time the second semester comes around, MHS students have had it with homework, studying, exams and especially teachers. Daydreaming is the most common pastime in the classroom.

Nikki Yonker, senior, stated that "I always daydream about getting that high

school diploma in my hand."

Andy Sakes, senior, thought about the past and how fast time has gone by.

Many students dream about their future, their boyfriends and girlfriends and what they will be doing once the weekend finally rolls around.

Kathie Stanley, senior, dreams about going to college and making new friends.

Unfortunately the only cure for senioritis is less homework, no tests and more understanding teachers.

André Dubois, junior, managed to sum up the attitudes of most seniors. André said that "after 13 years of studying ever since kindergarten your mind gets burned out because of all the studying you had to do."

— Vicky Tsampis

**'Senioritis'** epidemic spreads to MHS seniors in mid-winter

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"I had no other means of knowing where I was or what I was doing, so I learned the concept of trust."

Jennifer Thompson,  
Senior

During a trust walk in Quest, Jennifer Thompson, and Darryl Bennet, seniors, show their confidence in one another.



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## — Class of '84 —

**Chris Crowder** — Cross Country 9, 10, Track 9, 12. **Willie Cruz** — Band 9, 10; Baseball 9, Football 9, Spanish Club 10, Track 9, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12. **Brian Curcio** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Honor Society 11, 12, M-Club 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, Track 9, 10, 11, 12. **Paula Daniel** — Choir 9.



**Toby Darkins** — Honor Society 11, 12, Student Council 12, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12. **Tom D'Asto** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10, Honor Society 11, 12. **Kendra DeCheske** — Gymnastics 9, 10, M-Club 10. **John DeSatnick**.

**David DeStefano** — Chess Club 9, Football Manager 10, 11, 12, Review 12. **Lori Dian** — Basketball 9, 10, Choir 9, 10, 11, M-Club 10, 11, Student Council 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12. **Mark Dimitri** — Honor Society 12, Student Council 11, 12, Boys Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Class Vice President 10, 11, Class President 12.

**David Dobrowski** — Baseball 9, Football 9, Wrestling 9, 10



**Michelle Domazet** — Golf 9. **Sean Dougherty** — Football 10, 11, 12. Track 9, 10, 11, 12. **Becky Drakis** — Creative Arts 9. Flag Corps 10. Golf 10. Spanish Club 12. Sunshine Society 10, 11, 12. Key Club 11. **Jeani Dudak** — Cheerleading 9. Choir 9. Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10. Pom Poms 12. Powder Puff 11. Student Council 10, 11.



**Ilijia Dukic** — Chess Club 9, 10. **Jennifer Duncan** — Basketball 9, 10; Choir 9, 10, 11; French Club 10, 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12. **Warren Eckels** — Chess Club 10. Earth Science Club 10, 11, officer 12. Honor Society 11, 12. Spanish Club 10, 11, 12. Speech and Debate Team 10, 11. **Susanna Elbel** — Choir 9; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12. Student Council 9; Yearbook 12. Quill and Scroll 12.



**Margaret Eich** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Earth Science Club 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Pep Club 9, 12; Quest Club 11, 12; Yearbook 9; Big Sister 10, 11, 12; School Mascot 12. **Herb Elea, Denise Emery** — Basketball 9. Honor Society 11, 12. Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. Softball 10. Spanish Club 9, 10, 11. Volleyball 9. **Sharon Ervin**.



**Laurell Evans** — Gymnastics 10. M-Club secretary 11. Pom Poms 9. Powder Puff 10. Quill and Scroll 11, president 12. Yearbook 12. OEA historian 12. Big Sister 12. **Kostas Evdokiou**, **Mary Grace Faltz** — Newspaper 9. **Dawne Falk**.



**Patty Fargo** — Band 9, 10, 11, Honor Society 11, 12. Pom Poms 10, 11, 12. Prom Court 11. Swimming 9. Yearbook 9. **Scott Feneck** — German Club 10, 11, officer 12. Track 10. **Pam Flacible** — Pom Poms 9. Powder Puff 10, 12. **Kevin Fitzgerald** — Band 9, 10, 11. Chess Club 11, 12. Orchestra 9.

**Jim Flannery** — Chess Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 11. **Susan Flauding** — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9. **Robert Fox, Elizabeth Francis.**



**Christine Franz** — Basketball 9, Powder Puff 10, 11; Softball 9, 10, Student Council 11, vice president 12; Volleyball 9, Yearbook 12. **Big Sister 11 Tim Franz, Patty Freeman** — FHA 12. **Ray Fricke.**



**Kathy Froman** — Basketball 9; Fall Play 10, German Club 10, 11, Pep Club 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, Review 10, Volleyball 9. **Tom Gallas** — Soccer 10, 11, 12. **Julie Galozis.** **Al Garcia** — Football 9, Soccer 11, Spanish Club 10, officer 12; Track 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12.



**John Gawrysiak, Robert Gard.** **Martin Geary** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Boys Track 9, 10, 12. **Kathrina Gelb** — Powder Puff 12



**Annette Gerlach** — Chor 9, Creative Arts 11, German Club 10, 11, Pep Club 9. **Marilyn Gill** — Basketball 9, Powder Puff 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10. **Lori Gemeinhart** — M-Club 10, Powder Puff 11, Swimming 9, 10, 12. **Amy Giordano** — Chor 9, M-Club 9, 10, Powder Puff 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11.





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## Individual lockers reveal coats, books, personalities

Cartoons from favorite magazines and newspapers.

**Gentlemen's Quarterly** centerfolds. Pictures of best friends.

These things and many more can be seen on the inside doors of student's lockers.

"Most people I know decorate their lockers," said Jennifer Thompson, senior, "and I think they do this to make themselves feel more 'at home' during the school day."

"I don't think sophomores decorate as much as juniors and seniors," added Kim Peters, senior.

The locker decorating doesn't cause a problem with the administration or staff.

Tom Herbert, assistant principal, said,

"Students are expected to keep their lockers in good condition, but I haven't had to remove any decorations from a student's locker."

Helen Moravskil, Custodian, said, "We clean out the lockers at the end of each year, but a student may leave a note asking that their decorations not be removed."

Peters said, "I think that locker decorating is a fun and enjoyable way for students to brighten up their day at school."

— Susanna Eibel

**Jeff Kontor's locker in the senior hallway was often seen decorated. Robin O'Deen, junior, always encouraged a victory for every basketball game with posters, balloons and food.**

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**Jill Giordano** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12. **Kris Giotz** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, Orchestra 12. **Terry Gose** — Chess Club 11, 12. **Ray Govert** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, Spanish Club 10, 11.

**Laura Graeber**, **Steve Grantham**. **Christy Green** — Choir 9; Powder Puff 10, 12. **Robert Green**.

**Kimberly Greene** — Golf 11, 12. **Steve Greene** — Track 9, 10. **Nancy Gress** — Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 10; Powder Puff 11. **Starla Griggs**.

**Bernadette Guanjuato** — Football Statistician 12; Football Manager 12  
**Eddie Guanjuato, Jorge Guerreo** — Band 9; **Caroline Gulp** — Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; M-Club 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Student Council 11; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Secretary 10, 11.

**Karen Haag, Earl Hatner** — Basketball 9; Football 9; **Irene Halkias** — Choir 9; Spanish Club 10; Officer 11, 12; Student Council 12; Volleyball 9; **Dawn Joell Halsted** — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; Choir 9; Homecoming Court (Basketball) 10; Queen 12; Homecoming Court (Football) 12; Powder Puff 10, 12; Prom Court 11

**Karin Haraburdo** — Choir 9; Powder Puff 10, 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12; French Club 10; **Mark Harding** — 9, 10, 12; **Tony Haines, Mike Hamody** — A.V. Club 9, 12;



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Wrestler Scott Mundell, senior, takes charge of his opponent at the conference wrestling meet. Scott eventually went to Indianapolis and claimed the state title in the 119 lb. weight division.

"After going down state two years in a row, and not placing, my goal was to win the state championship."  
— Scott Mundell,  
Senior



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**Cheryl Hardt** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Fall Play 10, Honor Society 11, 12,  
Review 10, 11, 12, Spring Play 10, 11,  
12, Student Council 9, Thespians 10,  
11, officer 12, French Club 10, 11  
**Chris Hargrove** — Choir 9, Football  
9  
**Mike Harms, James Hamey.**



**Ken Hartmann, Ken Haupt** — Bond  
9, 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12,  
Basketball 9, 10, Football 9, 10, 11,  
12, German Club 11, Orchestra 10,  
11, 12, Review 11, 12, Student  
Council 9, Track 9  
**Roger Heiser** —  
Boys Track 9  
**Melissa Henrichs** —  
Girls Basketball 9, 10, Pom Poms 9,  
Softball 10, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12.



**David Henry** — Football 9, 10, 11,  
Honor Society 11, 12, Sponsih Club 9  
10  
**Tabby Hicks** — Basketball 9,  
Volleyball 9, 10, 11  
**Tim Higgins** —  
**Mark Hines** — Baseball 9.



**Teresa Hirjak, Ronda Horton** — FHA  
12  
**Jeffrey Howard** — Baseball 10,  
11, Basketball 10  
**Ken Hudecek** —  
Golf 9, 10



**Barbara Huddleston** — Choir 9, FHA  
officer 12  
**Jeffery L. Hummel** —  
A.V. Club 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12;  
Swimming 10, 11, Track 11, Wrestling  
9  
**Traci Irwin** — Basketball 9, 10;  
Choir 9, 10, 11, Pom Poms 9,  
Volleyball 9, 10, 11  
**Jacquelyn Jakska** — Pom Poms 9; Pawpaw Puff  
10; Prom Court 11; Prom Queen 11;  
Guest Club 11.

**Janet Jasin** — FHA 12, Newspaper 9, Pom Pons 9, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, Track 11, 12. **Lisa Jedynok** — Choir 9, 10; Volleyball 9. **Scott Jenks** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, Football 9, 10. **Vicki Jewell** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Creative Arts 11, 12; Flag Corps 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 12; Quest Club 11, 12; Review 12; Sunshine Society 12; Drama Club 12.



**Richard Jimenez** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Creative Arts 10; Fall Play 10, 11; Quest Club 11, 12; Review 11; Spring Play 10, 11; Thespians 11, 12; Track 9, 10. **Branko Jocic** — Basketball 10, 11, 12; Football 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 12. **Carey Johnson** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12. **Dan Jones**.

**Tim Joyce, Anastasia Karas, Greg Karras** — Class President 11, Honor Society 11, officer 12; M-Club 12; Student Council 12. **Wrestling 9** **Maria Kaser** — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; Choir 9; Pep Club 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 10; Student Council 9; Tennis

11 **James Kaurich** — Football Manager 12; Newspaper 9; Spanish Club 11; Diving 11, 12; Yearbook 9. **John Kephshire** — Baseball 9. **Danette Kerns** — OEA 12. **David Kierzkowski** — Cross Country 9, 10; M-Club 10; Swimming 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12.

**Min S. Kim, Katherine Kimberling**. **Jessie M. King** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; OEA President 12. **Doug Klinger**.

# Students make Y & W Drive-In 'hot spot' for summer fun

One of the most popular summertime activities in Merrillville is going to the Drive-In.

The Y & W is a bright spot in the town, which can often be somewhat dull. The Y & W opens in the spring and closes in late fall.

"It's really fun to see all my friends at the Drive-In," said Jennifer Thompson, senior, "because in the summer you don't see people as often as you do during school."

Dawn Nicolich, senior, said, "I like going to the Drive-In because it gives me a chance to relax and have fun with all my

friends."

"Going to the Y & W is a great way to spend a summer night. I like walking around with my friends and talking to everyone," said Cindy Lamfalusi, senior.

"The baseball team likes to go there during spring break while everyone else is in Florida," said Ray Govert, senior.

The Drive-In really adds a lot of summer fun for MHS students. "I have a great time there," said Thompson, "and our summers wouldn't be nearly as exciting as they are if we didn't have the Y & W."

— Susanna Eibel

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**Myshelle L. Knopf** — Honor Society 11, 12; **Brian Kolozenske, Jeff Konter** — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; **Elizabeth Kormos** — Cheerleading 9; Chor 9; Powder Puff 10, 11; Prom Court 11; Student Council 10, 11; Class Treasurer 10, 11

**Craig Kosac** — Baseball 10, 11, 12; Football 10, 11, 12; Basketball Homecoming Court 10, 11, 12; Basketball Homecoming King 10, 11, 12; Prom Court 11; **El Kostur** — Honor Society 11; Soccer 10, 11; **Irene Kourseis** — Earth Science Club 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, officer 12; **Anna Kouskousakis**.

**Kristine Kouvelas** — Chor 9; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12; **Susan Kozak** — Honor Society 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9; Pom Pons 9, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11; Volleyball 10; **Joanne Krasich, Dan Kreclik**.

"I think the Homecoming pep session was great. Everyone got involved and were all fired up. This year all the classes seemed to participate besides just the Senior and Junior classes, like it has been in the past."

Annette Thompson,  
Senior



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**Kathy Krol** — French Club 10, 11, Honor Society 11, 12, Review 11. **Jeff Jagoda Krstanovski** — Spanish Club 10, 11. **Linda Kruppa**, **Jim Kubiaik** — Football 9.

**Phil Labash** — A.V. Club 11; Football 9, German Club 11, 12, Honor Society 11, 12, Review 11. **Jeff LaCoss** — Track 11. **Ron Lagenoek** — Bond 9, 10, 11, FEA 12, Newspaper 9, 10, 11, 12, Quill & Scroll 11, 12, Yearbook 9, 11. **Richard LaMarco** — Fall Play 11, Football 9, Pep Club 10, 11, 12, Review 12, Track 9, 10, 11.

**Rhonda Lamb**, **Cynthia Lamfalusi** — French Club 11, 12, Homecoming Queen (Football) 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11. **Christel Laser, Robin Layman** — Basketball 9, Choir 9, French Club 10, Powder Puff 10, 11, Student Council 10, 11.





**Krista Ted** — FHA 12, German Club 11; Pom Pons 9; Powder Puff 12.  
**Joanna Lear** — Chor 9, Fall Play 10; Gymnastics 9, 10, M-Club 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. **Damon LeKar** — Golf 9; Pep Club 10.  
**Mandy Leposky** — Homecoming Court (Basketball) 11; M-Club 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10.



**Bill Lewin** — Baseball 9, 10, Football 9, Track 9. **Chuck Lippes** — Basketball 9, Football 9, 10. **Janice Lilly** — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12; Powder Puff 12; Spanish Club 10, 11. Yearbook 12; Quill and Scroll 12. **Steve Lockhart** — Football 9, Golf 9, 10, 12.



**Karl Loesch** — Football 9, 10, Wrestling 9, 10. **Ed Lopez**, **Tomi Lovely** — Chor 9; Pep Club 12; Quest Club 11, 12; Spring Play 10. **Paul Lozanski** — Baseball 9; Basketball 9, 10; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Soccer 10, 11, 12; Track 9.



**Dave Lueke**, **Tim Luptak** — Creative Arts 11; Earth Science Club 12; Newspaper 10; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12. **Robert Luttilen**. **Diane Luytgarden** — Chor 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11.



**Lisa Magee**, **Charles Mahaffey** — Band 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12. **Tina Mains** — Spanish Club 10; Sunshine Society 10. **Millie Majstorovich** — Chor 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11.

**Lisa Maletta** — FHA 12. **John Malocha** — Baseball 9, Basketball 9, Spanish Club 10. **Beth Manoski** — Pom Pons 9, Powder Puff 10, 11; Spanish Club 10, 11. **Diane Mirlich** — Choir 10, 12, Cross Country 12, FEA 12, Pep Club 10, 12, Girls Track 12, Creative Arts 12.



**Debbie Marino** — FHA, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Sunshine Society 10, 11, 12, Yearbook 9. **George Marks** — Band 9, 10, Football 9, Honor Society 11, 12, M-Club 11, 12 Spanish Club 11, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9. **Suzanne Martin** — Powder Puff 10, 11, Spanish Club 10. **Greg Mason**.



**Fernie Martinez** — Band 9, Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9, 10, 11, 12. **Darrin Mattingly, Sarah McAnally** — Gymnastics 10, 11, 12, M-Club 11, Pom Pons 9, Powder Puff 10, 11, Track 10. **Donna McBrayer** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12 Creative Arts 11, 12, Orchestra 12.



**Fred McCann** — Football 9. **Annette McCowan, Bill McCoy** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Boys Basketball Manager and Statistician 9, Fall Play 10, 11, 12, Pep Club 11, officer 12. **Quest Club** 10, 11, officer 12. **Review** 10, 11, 12, Spring Play 10, 11, 12. **Thespians** 10, 11, 12; School Mascot 12. **Bill McEllis**.



**David McKee, Patricia McNally** — Basketball 10, 11, 12, M-Club 10, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12. **Mike Meschede** — Basketball 10, 11, 12, Golf 9, 10, 11, M-Club 11, Prom Court 11. **David Metcalf**.





## Riots over 'Cabbage Patch' dampens Christmas spirit

Talking to any children about what they wanted from Santa for Christmas brought one sure answer — a Cabbage Patch doll.

The Cabbage Patch doll craze went into full swing around Christmastime, and stores could not keep enough in stock for the eager customers. People stood in line for hours, sometimes with knives and baseball bats, just to have a chance at getting one of the dolls.

Eugene Talmadge, economics teacher, said, "The Cabbage Patch doll craze is a great moneymaker for the doll's makers. It demonstrates our capitalistic system."

"Anyone who can get one is lucky," said Diane Ramusak, senior, "because you can't find them anywhere, and it seems like everyone wants one."

Greg Karras, senior, said, "The hype raised over Cabbage Patch dolls is hardly proportional to their quality."

"The Cabbage Patch dolls are really not that cute," said David Dobrowski, senior, "but all the publicity has made them very popular."

— Susanna Ebel

A popular consumer item, the Cabbage Patch Doll, attracted the attention of people of all ages in 1984.

## Class of '84 —



**Joanne Meznarick, Rudy Mihelic, Debbie Mihok** — Cheerleading 9, 11, 12; Choir 9; Pep Club officer 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, president 12. **Faith Mikulka** — Chair 9; FHA officer 12; Review 10

**Wallace Ermon Miles, Nada Milkovic** — Chess Club 10; Creative Arts 11, officer 11; Fall Play 10, 11; Powder Puff 10; Review 10, 11; French Club 10, 11, 12; Review Student Director 11. **Chris Miller** — Track 10, 11, 12. **Jeffrey A. Miller** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 11, 12

**Nell Miller** — Football 10, 11, 12; Golf 11, 12. **Joe Miskul, Chris Modglin** — Spanish Club 12. **Michelle Mokoi** — Cheerleading 9; Gymnastics 11, captain 12; Powder Puff 10.

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"I was very surprised to win because I really didn't expect it. But I was very honored."

Dawn Halsted,  
Senior

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Moments after winning Basketball Homecoming King and Queen honors, Craig Kosac and Dawn Halsted, seniors, hug each other during halftime ceremonies.



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**Kimberly A. Moore** — Choir 9, 10,

11; Powder Puff 10; **Shari Lynne**

**Moore** — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, officer 12; M-Club 11, 12; Softball 10; Student Council 9, 10, 11, officer 12; Yearbook 12; Quill and Scroll 12; **David Mirsic** — Football 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; **Sheri Lynn Mumney** — Pep Club Officer 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; OEA Club 12.



**Scott Mundell** — M-Club 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; **Glory Murray** — Fall Play 10, 11; FHA 12; Powder Puff 10, 12; Quest Club 12; Spring Play 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 11, Society Officer 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12; **Jim Nawrocki** — Spanish Club 12; Wrestling 9,

**Christopher P. Nealon** — Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12

**Dawn Nicholich** — Basketball 9; Choir 9; Spanish Club 10; Tennis 11;

**Diane Nitsch** — French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; **John Nixon, Sheri Nixon** — Honor Society 12



**Jeanne Novoa, Debbie Noveske,  
Sherri Nuzzo — Basketball 9; Choir 9;  
Pep Club 9; Pam Pans 9; Powder Puff  
10** **Tim Ochoa.**



**Jeff Oglego — Football 10, 11, 12  
Jeff Olejnik, Maria Olivadoti —  
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 11, 12;  
Spanish Club 10, 11** **Kathy Oliver —  
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9, 10,  
11; Powder Puff 12; Thespians 11, 12.**



**Michael Oliver — Football 9, 10, 11,  
12** **William J. Oljace — Chess Club  
9** **Robert Otano, Dean Off —  
Basketball 9, 10; Football 9, 10, 11,  
12.**



**Cynthia L. Owen — Choir 9; Pep  
Club 12; Pom Pans 9; Powder Puff 10,  
11; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 11;  
Speech and Debate Team 12.** **Stephen M. Padgett — Chess Club  
9** **Elizabeth Palvas — Cheerleading  
9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10; Honor  
Society 11, 12; Pep Club 9, 10; Powder  
Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11;  
Student Council 10; Yearbook 12.**  
**Kandy Papageorge — Choir 9, 10,  
11; Honor Society 11, 12; Powder Puff  
10, 11; OEA 12.**



**Nick Pappas — Honor Society 12;  
Spanish Club 11; Student Council 9,  
12; Track 9; Wrestling 10, 11, 12.** **Craig Parker — Cross Country 12;  
Football 9; Track 9, 12** **Julie Parrot —  
Choir 9; Pam Pans 9; Powder Puff  
10, 11; Track 10** **Marco Paschla.**

**Angela Passaloukos** — Spanish Club  
9, 10, 11 **Shari Patterson**, **Dave Pearson**, **Kathi Pederson** — Band 9,  
10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Flag Corps 10, 11, 12; Girls Golf 9, 10, 11,  
12; Orchestra 9.



**Ferdinando Perez**, **Kim Peters**, **Jeff Petroff** — Basketball 9; Honor Society 11, 12; **Rade Petrovich**.

**Larry Peyton** — Football 10; Track 10; Wrestling 9; **Joe Plenta** — Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys State 11; Football 9; Honor Society 11, 12; M-Club 11; Spanish Club 11, 12; **Steve Ploniek**, **Sam Plumer**.

**Vesna Pokrajac** — French Club 11;  
**Nanci Poling** — Cheerleading 9,  
10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Spanish Club 10,  
11; Student Council 9; French Club  
40, 41, 42; **Connie Popa** — Powder Puff 11; Spanish Club 10; **Steve Popp**.

**Peter Porter** — Football 9; Wrestling 9, 10; **Sue Poturalski** — Pom Pons 9;  
Spanish Club 10; **Robert Press** — Basketball 11; **Karen Procopi**.



**Kathy Pruzin** — Band 9. **Joan E. Puntillo** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, Thespians 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, French Club 10. **Edward K. Puskar** — Baseball 9, 10. **Leonard D. Pysh** — Bond 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11.

**Ron Rakos** — A.V. Club 9. **John Ramhart** — Football 9. **Diane Ramusack** — Chor 9; M-Club 12; Pep Club 9; Pom Pons 9, 10, 11, 12; Quest Club 10; Spanish Club 10, 11. **Student Council 9. Kathleen Randham**.

**Cindy Reder** — Choir 9. **Laurie Reinhart** — Basketball 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 10; Pom Pons 9, 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Review 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 10, 12; Student Council 10, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9.

**Rick Renner** — Golf 10, 11, 12; Track 10. **Mike Reynolds** — Basketball 9; Cross Country 9; Track 9.

## Class of '84

As Christmas break approached, snow continued to fall and so did the temperatures. On Dec. 22, the temperatures were at a record breaking 75 below.

For some MHS students, these aggravating temperatures put a freeze on their holiday vacation.

Kim Boatner, junior, commented, "I guess the only thing to do was curl up in a warm spot and make the best of it."

Laura Hanas, junior, also mentioned, "When temperatures are this low, nothing is fun anymore. It's even too cold to sleep."

Others were preoccupied with team sports. They had no choice but to ignore the big chill.

Karen Dudak, sophomores, and Stecy Plesha, junior, stated, "We willingly got up early every morning and shoveled our way to gymnastics practice. Now that's dedication!"

Mike Meschede, senior, also stated, "The basketball gym was so cold that some of us resorted to extra layers of cloths, such as hats and gloves to keep warm at practice."

Then there were others who could have cared less what the temperatures were. They looked forward to Christmas vacation, and they made the most of it. Cheryl Graeber, junior, commented, "I didn't let the temperatures interfere with my holiday festivities. I had a great time."

Laurie Funder, junior, added, "I found the best, and the most fun way to keep warm is with the one you love."

Kathi Pederson, senior, concluded, "Even though the temperatures were unbearable, waking up in the morning knowing that you didn't have school made every day a lot warmer."

— Shawna Eberle

## Big chill of 1983 puts freeze on winter activities

**Jon Rhodes** — Mr. Football 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 12. **Timothy Richmond**.

**Timothy John Riese** — Baseball 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9. **Richard**

**Robinson** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 10, 11, officer 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 9.



**Dan Roszkowski** — Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Choir 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; French Club 10. **Jennifer Roth** — Newspaper 9; Yearbook 9. **Dave Rouhseiang, Jim Rubush**.

## — Class of '84 —

"Ft. Lauderdale was the best! It was a great break from the 50 degree weather."

— Annette Thompson,  
senior

Many seniors found Spring Break to be an opportunity to rest and relax on the Florida beaches, but some remained in Indiana.





**Tim Runhoff** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10; Fall Play 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Orchestra 11, 12; Review 10, 11, 12; Speech and Debate Team 11, Spring Play 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12. **Thomas J. Runhoff** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 12; Cross Country 10; Fall Play 10, 11; Honor Society 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Review 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Track 9; French Club 10, 11, 12. **Andrea Ruskiewicz**. **John Sabo**.



**Andy Sakes**, **Suzette Santiago** — Band 9; Spanish Club 12. **Pam Sawochka** — Pom Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Tennis 10, 11, 12. **Jeff Schneider** — Band 9, 10, 11.



**Craig Schoenfeld**, **Jim Schoon** — Choir 9. **Eric Schrenker** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys Track 9, 10. **Ronald Schulze**.



**Scott Semper** — Basketball 9; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10. **Andy Sharp**, **Joan Sharp**, **Scott Sharp**.



**Noble Shelton**, **Mark Sheplock** — Cross Country 9; Football Manager 9. **Sue Shinovich** — M-Club 10, 11; Powder Puff 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11. **Mike Shirey**.

**Kathie Shultz. Jamie Sibiniec —**  
Powder Puff 11. **Tim Simic —** Fall  
Play 11; German Club 11; M-Club 11;  
Pep Club 11. Swimming 10; Tennis 10,  
11, 12. **Lisa M. Skaggs.**



**Tom Skaltsas. Dan Smith —**  
Baseball 9; Wrestling 9, 10. **Lori**  
**Smith. Brian Smolar.**



**James Smoot —** Chess Club 9; Earth  
Science Club 10; Football 9; Golf 11.  
**Tom Smurdon —** Chess Club 9, 10.  
**Christine Sokol. Janean Sollich —**  
Powder Puff 12.



**Frank Soos. Jodi Sorbello. Zoran**  
**Sovijanski —** Chess Club 9, 10, 11.  
**12. Dawn Spiroff —** Homecoming  
Court (Basketball) 11 (Football) 12;  
Honor Society 11, 12; Pep Club 9;  
Pom Pon 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club  
10, 11; Student Council 9, 10, 12.



**Louie Spiru —** Baseball 9, 10, 11;  
Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming  
Court (Basketball) 10; Prom King 11.  
**Kathy Stanley. Sally Steiner —**  
Spanish Club 10, Sunshine Society 10.  
**Dan Steininger.**



# 'Family ties' continue during school day

Seven students at MHS had something in common. At least one parent was a faculty member.

One might think this was a disadvantage to have their parent at school, but none of these students felt that way.

Mandy Leposky, senior, stated, "I like for my mom to be here. She's here if I need her."

Ken Haupt, senior, said, "I'm used to him being here at school, since he has been my coach for several years."

As for having their parent as their teachers, Diane Vermillion, senior, commented, "I am not treated any different-

ly, my dad treats me like any other student."

Kara East, sophomore, remarked, "I am recognized more by the teachers because my parents are on the faculty, but I am treated the same as other students in my classrooms."

The other students that have a parent here at school are Patty Haupt, Dave Herbert, juniors, and Laurie Reinhart, senior.

The teachers with a son or daughter as a student all agreed that they didn't treat their child any differently as their other students.

Jim Vermillion, science teacher, remarked, "Diane is just another student in my classroom, and at home she is my daughter, and at school she is my student."

"I think by working here at MHS, I am more aware of what happens to Dave than the non-teaching parent would be, and keep a little pressure on him," said Tom Herbert, assistant principal.

Ken Haupt, senior, summed it up, "I've had many good experiences being here with my son and daughter, and I wouldn't trade those experience with anyone!"

— Janice Lilly

## Class of '84



**Bob Stephan, Jeff Stewart —**  
Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12.  
**Randy St. Myers, Donna Stojanovic —**  
Choir 9; Powder Puff 10, 11;  
Volleyball 9.

**Troy Suckey, Lias Surowiec —** Choir 9; Srecko Suvajac, Laura Swartout.

**Dorrell Swisher, Ninette Swisher —**  
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club; Pom Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12;  
Softball 11, 12. **Michele Szafranski, Richard Taber.**



**Traci Tarchala, Marty Taylor —**  
A.V. Club 12, **Kim Teets —** Choir 9,  
Powder Puff 10, **Joseph Teller —** Fall  
Play 11, Spring Play 10, 11

**Troy Terry —** Football 9, Newspaper  
12, **Michelle Tesanovich —** Choir 9,  
10, German Club 10, 11, Pep Club 9,  
Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, Quest Club  
11, 12, OEA Club 11, 12, **Annette**  
**Thompson —** Choir 9, Prom Pons 9;  
Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, **Jennifer**  
**Thompson —** Basketball 9, 10, 11,  
12, Honor Society 11, 12, Softball 10,  
Student Council 10, 11, officer 12,  
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12

**Suzi Tolgo —** Powder Puff 11  
**Deanna Torres, Steve Travis —**  
Newspaper 9, Yearbook 9, **Brian**  
**Tretter —** Chair 12, Earth Science  
Club 11, 12, Fall Play 10, 11; Gaff 10  
Honor Society 11, 12; Review 10, 11,  
12; Speech and Debate Team 10,  
11; Spring Play 10, 11, 12; Thespians  
10, 11; president 12; Vocalfeetens 12;  
French Club 10, 11

## — Class of '84 —

After the group Senior Class photograph was taken many seniors suddenly remembered that they had "excuses" to sign out. Chuck Sell, senior, had the ever-popular eye doctor appointment.

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"I really had an excuse.  
I can't speak for  
the other seniors  
(more than 100) who also  
signed out that day."  
Chuck Sell,  
Senior





**Michelle Trkuja. Alice Trowbridge**

— Powder Puff 11, 12; **Deborah L. Troska** — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 10; **Vicky Tsamis** — German Club 11, 12, Spanish Club 12, Student Council 12, Yearbook 12; Quill and Scroll 12.



**Barbara Tubbs** — Pep Club 10, 11, 12; Guest Club 12; Student Council 9; **Janice Tucker**, **Carl Tully** — Baseball 11; Boys State 11; French Club 10; Football 9, M-Club 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10.

**Jennifer Turean** — Choir 9, Pom Poms 9; Spanish Club 10, 11.



**Lisa Underwood. Richard Urbanczyk. Rod Urbano** — Soccer 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Class Treasurer 12; **Laura Valenti**.



**Anne Vavra** — Powder Puff 12, Spanish Club 10, 11; **Gigi Vergin** — Basketball 9, Choir 9, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10; French Club 10; **Diane Vermillion** — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; **Valerie Vessell** — Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 12; Pep Club 9, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9.



**Monica Villarreal. Cathy Virgo.**  
**Rose Vranikoski** — Choir 9, 10, Powder Puff 12; Yearbook 12; **James Wachowski**.

**Robin Wade** — Cheerleading 9, 10,  
11; M-Club 10, 11; Powder Puff 10,  
11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Track 9,  
10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12. **Lisa  
Wallace** — Basketball 9; Powder Puff  
10. **Douglas A. Waters** — Baseball  
9; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12;  
Yearbook 12. **Karen Watkins** — FHA  
10; Sunshine Society 10, 11, 12.



**Jeff Weaver** — Football 9. **Peggy  
Welch** — Newspaper 9, 10. **Jeff  
Wengel**. **Shelley Whittier**.



**Debbie Wiegus**, **Dawn Wilczynski**,  
**Steve Wilczynski**, **Tom Wiles** — Goff  
9, 10, 11.



**Lisa L. Wilkinson** — Band 9, 10, 11,  
12; Fall Play 10; Flag Corps 10, 11,  
12; German Club 10, 11, 12; Honor  
Society 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11,  
12; Powder Puff 10; Yearbook 9.

**Mark A. Williams** — Band 9, 10, 11,  
12; Review 12. **Ken Wilson** — Band  
9, 10; Basketball 9; Orchestra 9.

**Robert Winchester** — Basketball  
Manager 11; Fall Play 10, 11, 12;  
French Club 10, 11; Review 11, 12;  
Spring Play 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11,  
12.



**Diane L. Wirtz** — Pep Club 9; Pom  
Poms 9, 10, 11, 12; Review 12; Spring  
Play 12; French Club 10, 11. **Judith  
Wirtz** — Basketball 9; Powder Puff  
10, 11; Volleyball 9. **Randy  
Wlodarski** — Wrestling 9. **Shawn  
Wojtyska** — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12;  
Creative Arts 11, 12; Review 12;  
Spring Play 12.





**Kim Wolak, Chanh Won, Barry Woodward** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11. **Rob Wozniak** — Chess Club 9; Swimming 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9.



**Karla Wszolek** — Powder Puff 10; Sunshine Society 11; Volleyball 9. **Deno Yiankes** — Baseball 9, 10; Football 9. **Nicolete Yonker** — Honor Society 12; Sunshine Society 11; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11. **Chris Yugo** — Earth Science Club 10; M-Club 12; Swimming 11, 12; Track 9; French Club 10.



**Joe Zajac** — Band 9, 10, 11; Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10; German Club 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 11; Review 10; Student Council 9, 11, 12; Student Council President, Thespians 11. **Tina Zellers** — Choir 9, 10; Poms 9. **Mike Zimnawoda, Rob Zolcak** — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9.

Class of '81

## Seniors not photographed

Jerry Alexander  
Fred Bernish  
John Benich  
Brian Bergstrom  
Brad Berrier  
Dana Bielata  
Tim Brant  
James Cardenas  
Anita Castellanos  
Patrick Chapman  
Pete Cucuz  
Katherine Demitrikis  
Ronald Doeing  
Don Elliot  
Jeffrey Fausnaugh  
David Figueira  
Rafael Figueiroa  
Rob Foley  
Chris Fry  
Denise Gallagher  
Lisa Gill

Carlos Gonzalez  
Marlette Gonzalez  
Anthony Haines  
Robert Hart  
Donna Hinkle  
Linda Hojnacki  
Clarissa Holodick  
Anthony Jackson  
Mark Janickovi  
Philip Janovick  
Keith Jennings  
Roberta Jennings  
Yvonne Johnson  
Denise Jose  
Beth Kaegebein  
Adam Kovacevic  
John Krausnick  
Daniel Kreick  
Robert Krumpos  
Gregg Lewis  
Wendy Luck

Don Lunsford  
Ken Madson  
Darren Marsee  
Christopher Massa  
Earl McConnell  
Diane McDaniel  
Scott Mizerek  
Colleen Murphy  
Phil Nims  
Bridge Obregon  
Karen Orten  
John Panas  
Eleni Papagiannis  
Robert Paul  
Jim Peterson  
Ester Raetl  
Nina Regan  
Kimberly Scholz  
Michael Schrieber  
Paul Schulz  
Timothy Sears

Charles Sell  
Edward Thomas  
Paul Simonovski  
Linda Slade  
Helen Sormaz  
Edward Spak  
Katherine Stanley  
Richard Swinson  
Carlo Szymalski  
Richard Taber  
Aretta Tindell  
Ronald Vanna  
Greg Valasquez  
Michael Verbanic  
David Weissert  
Gregory White  
Robert White  
Louie Zarakas  
Michael Zaronias

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"This year's Junior Class is only a sign of what great things to expect for next year's Senior Class."

Ray Radjenovich,  
Junior Class President

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Junior Class Officers: Shawna Eberle, treasurer;  
Marlanne Berger, secretary; Greg Schuster,  
vice president; Ray Radjenovich, president.



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## Class of '85

Cheri Adler  
Greg Akers  
Albert Alfaro  
Jay Anderson  
Pete Andreis  
Vera Angeloff  
Georgann Ard  
Josie Arena



Yvonne Armenta  
Jim Arrika  
Chip Ashley  
Victor Atsinger  
Caroline Baldazo  
Jay Barandala  
Shelley Barkasi  
Mike Barnack

Doug Barnes  
Lou Batides  
Melinda Beach  
Dawn Bell  
Diane Bellamy  
Dan Bellavary  
Robin Benson  
Marlanne Berger

Denine Bezick  
Denise Bezick  
Tom Blestfeld  
Jennifer Bigelow  
Michael Bron  
Amy Blair  
Steve Blaney  
Kim Boatner



Cindy Bogard  
Mike Bondon  
Lisa Bowling  
Bonnie Bowman  
Dawn Bowman  
Charlotte Boyd  
Sandy Braun  
Gloria Brice



Dawn Bridges  
Carri Broda  
Michelle Broda  
Carla Brown  
Cheryl Brown  
Michelle Burns  
Kim Cagle  
Dawn Capp



Jim Cardenas  
Lisa Carpenter  
Teresa Carver  
Lou Castellani  
Kelly Chandler  
Chris Childress  
Stasia Christos  
Diane Clochinga



Dan Cloonan  
Jolynn Coleman  
Bobbi Conn  
Maryann Connally  
Patricia Corey  
Laura Coria  
Tom Covaciu  
Natalie Coyle



Jim Crim  
Mary Croarkin  
Tiffini Crownover  
Cheryl Cullinan  
Carrie Czarcinski  
Allison Dakich  
Christine Daniel  
Denise Darkins



Jeff Darnell  
Sherry D'Asto  
Darren DeBoy  
David Dee  
Denise Demo  
Steve Dienes  
Blaine Dillon  
Larry Diffone



Debbie Dix  
Dan Dockweiler  
Donna Dogan  
John Donley  
Joni Dornburg  
Ken Dowd  
Andrea Dubois  
Tomi Dudak



Ed Duffy  
Scott Duffy  
Chris Dufresne  
Vojo Dukic  
Jim Dulia  
Dennis Duvali  
Rich Dyman  
Shawna Eberle



Terry Eck  
Karen Ector  
Jamie Edwards  
Jennifer Eibel  
Rich Eleczko  
Kelly Ellitch  
Anne Elliott  
Russell Emerson

James Enochs  
Mark Enzweiler  
Lori Equihua  
Neil Eubank  
Dean Everett  
Karen Eyrich  
Mark Fesko  
Paul Flacable



Joe Fish  
Garry Flaharty  
Mark Flanagan  
Valerie Fies  
Kathy Foremski  
Cheryl Fossey  
Jim Foster  
James Frantial

Julie Fratzke  
John Franzee  
Dan French  
Vicki Frey  
Deanna Froman  
Laurie Funder  
Michelle Gallagher  
Bob Gallagher

Jose Galvan  
James Garcia  
Manuel Garcia  
Veronica Garza  
Bob Gasich  
Jim Gavelik  
Rod Gayda  
Art Geberin

## Class of '85 MHS's 'flasher' informs students

The computer age has hit MHS once again, but what exactly is the new addition to our school?

It has been called a "flasher," a "displayer," and even a "thing-a-ma-jig" by many MHS students.

According to Tom Herbert, assistant principal, this unidentified object is called a "Message Board."

It was purchased by the classes of '80 and '81 for \$2000. The Message Board can hold up to eight messages. Any student can advertise on the board, as long as the message is first cleared by Mr. Herbert.

Plans were made for the Message Board to be moved occasionally into the gym, cafeteria and auditorium. This will make both students and parents more aware of high school activities.

Irene Kourtesis, senior, stated that the "Message Board is more effective since the board cannot be torn down or destroyed, and it also gives tech students an opportunity to see some announcements."

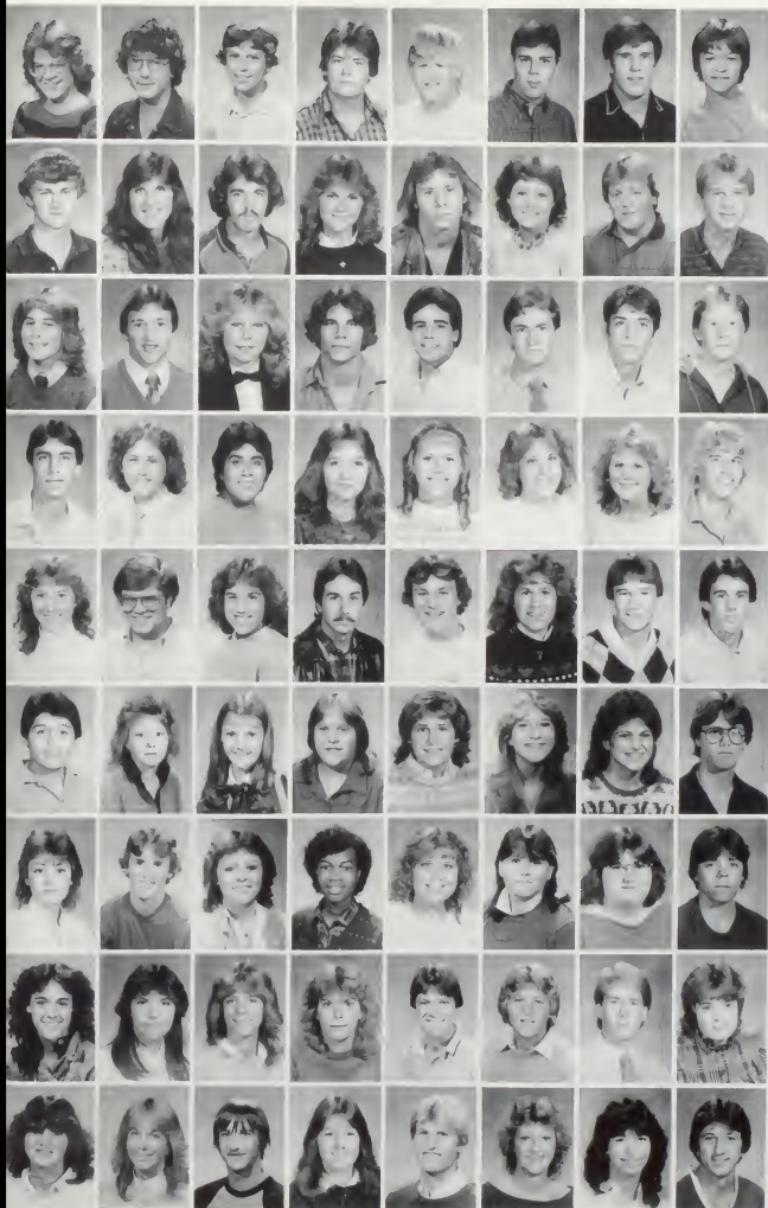
Angie Traficante, junior, stated that the Message Board is "a waste of money."

Angie Passaloukos, senior, felt differently. She said that "the thing-a-ma-jig is a good investment. Computers are ev-



erywhere now so its only natural that it will hit MHS."

— Vicki Tsampis



Debbie Gee  
Scott Geisen  
Brian Gill  
Chris Gill  
Terry Gill  
Jeff Glitz  
George Giagola  
Ralph Glenn

Danny Gojmerac  
Missy Golding  
Al Gomez  
Lori Goodwin  
Rick Gorby  
Regina Gornick  
Bill Gornik  
Douglas Gough

Cheryl Graeber  
Dan Green  
Susan Greenberg  
Scott Griffin  
Jesse Guardiola  
Andrew Guba  
Doug Guernsey  
Scott Guernsey

Mike Gurgevich  
Julie Gutjahr  
Dannele Guzman  
Kathy Gyftakis  
Jill Habrych  
Alisa Hafner  
Kinda Hajvert  
Kevin Hamer

Laura Hanas  
Ken Hanisko  
Patti Haupt  
Tim Haviza  
Ken Heming  
Karen Hendrickson  
Dave Herbert  
Rich Hernandez

Santiago Hernandez  
Jamie Hiatt  
Dee Hill  
Michelle Hollandsworth  
MaryKay Hovanec  
Jamie Hoyt  
Collette Kronopolous  
Kevin Huber

Cheryl Huddleston  
David Huff  
Kim Hughes  
Sonya Hytche  
Kristi Irwin  
Roda Ivetic  
Daria Jackson  
Joe Jamrol

Desiree Jansen  
Elizabeth Jaslak  
Susan Jatzczak  
Karen Johnson  
Rob Johnson  
Brent Jones  
Jim Jones  
Pam Jones

Galli Juloski  
April Jurasevich  
Karl Kacerski  
Becky Kachur  
Larry Kacmar  
Laura Kapitan  
Lena Karabetsos  
Carlo Karamocoski

**Paul Kasprzak**  
**Frances Katsis**  
**Kelley Kaurich**  
**Andrea Kwickli**  
**Robin Kendron**  
**John Kersteff**  
**Roman Kirby**  
**Ron Kirby**



**Harriet Kirakopoulos**  
**Benay Kirk**  
**Nancy Kirk**  
**Karen Kirksey**  
**Natalie Kish**  
**Paul Klimaszewski**  
**Matt Knish**  
**Kurt Koedyker**



**Dirk Komp**  
**Chuck Koone**  
**Bob Krantz**  
**Karol Krawczyk**  
**Michele Kray**  
**Ken Krmotich**  
**Christine Kroll**  
**Mark Krutz**



**Shelly Kuzemka**  
**Peggy Lach**  
**Jasmine Lackovic**  
**Jennifer Larson**  
**John Leaser**  
**Steve Leontaras**  
**Tracy Lepp**  
**Mark Lieber**



**Doug Lind**  
**Colette Lindborg**  
**Sandy Lines**  
**Tom Lipton**  
**Mike Lobody**  
**Ana Lopez**  
**Guy Loule**  
**Larry Lucas**



**Ben Luna**  
**Jeff Lynn**  
**Mark Lynn**  
**Hurl Lytle**  
**Mike Macchia**  
**Penny Macchia**  
**Jay Mack**  
**Steve Mackanos**



**Lois Maginot**  
**Mark Mahaffey**  
**Ron Malhofer**  
**Gerl Malicki**  
**Cathie Malochi**  
**Jeff Maloney**  
**Jim Marandy**  
**Dennis Margaris**



**Don Markovich**  
**Jeff Martin**  
**Tom Martin**  
**Dan Mathis**  
**Paul Matthews**  
**George Mavros**  
**William McCarthy**  
**Mindy McCarty**



**Donna McCloud**  
**Kerry McClure**  
**Melissa McCroskey**  
**Joanie McGee**  
**Greg McGuire**  
**Darryl McIntire**  
**Karen McKinay**  
**Jack McKinley**





Kim Meade  
Lisa Meadows  
Darin Meadows  
David Megquier  
Mark Merced  
Mike Mesarch  
Sue Metros  
Steve Meus

Eric Michael  
Steven Michael  
Savo Micic  
Tom Mihal  
John Miller  
Renea Miller  
Mike Miner  
Scott Modglin

Tammy Modrak  
Mike Mokol  
Rob Moore  
Eric Morillon  
Melissa Morris  
Matt Nasplinski  
Theresa Navarro  
Denise Neskes

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## MHS students 'chew' more than just gum

Skoal, Royal Copenhagen, Happy Days and Redman are among the most popular brands of chewing tobacco used by many MHS boys. Even though chewing is a very popular habit, it is not allowed to be chewed on school grounds according to the Student Handbook and will result in a five day detention if caught.

Jim Nawrocki, senior, said that tobacco chewing should be allowed at school. Nawrocki added that since smoking is allowed chewing should also.

Dan Vespo, junior and a Skoal chewer, stated that he began to chew at the age of 16 in order to kick the smoking habit. Vespo also commented that chewing should be allowed in certain areas of the building.

According to recent studies, chewing tobacco is just as harmful to a person's health as smoking. Even though chewers, unlike smokers don't get lung cancer, they may develop cancer of the mouth, yellow teeth and rotten gums.

According to many seniors "chewing is more effective in giving a person a 'buzz' since the nicotine goes directly to the bloodstream.

From a female point of view, Rhonda Lamb, senior, stated that "chewing is just a fad that had affected MHS boys," and she added that they will eventually grow out of the chewing habit.

— Vicky Tsampis



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Dale Neumeyer  
Valerie Nicksic  
Rich Niles  
Leonard Norris  
Susie Norris  
Robin O'Dean  
Angie Oglego  
Onorio Olivadoti



Doug Ollie  
Cathy Olson  
Dave Olzewski  
Roger Ooms  
Ken O'Rourke  
Deanna Orten  
Steve Osoba  
Kim Pachapa



Bill Paige  
Todd Palmer  
Lana Pantelic  
Tom Papadopoulos  
Valerie Pappas  
Philip Pardus  
Jim Parker  
Jim Parkhurst



Russell Parkhurst  
Maria Pavot  
Doug Pearson  
Marco Perez  
Martha Perry  
John Peters  
William Peters  
Mike Peterson



Pam Pieler  
Sharin Pigott  
Mancy Pilatos  
Mike Pimentel  
Sandy Plutti  
Barb Planovic  
Stacy Plesha  
Dona Plumb



Pat Portlock  
Chris Potl  
Jennifer Potter  
Dale Powell  
Diane Paxon  
Sue Prentoska  
Debbie Prgomelja  
Lisa Primer



Daniel Proctor  
Mike Puskar  
Steve Pysh  
Alan Radu  
Rich Rainford  
Steve Ramsjask  
Rob Rassbach  
Laura Reder



Brian Reeves  
Lisa Regeski  
Judy Rendina  
Randy Renner  
Lillian Repar  
Scott Riccardi  
Jeff Rice  
Heidi Richardson



Deanna Riese  
Michelle Riese  
Snezana Risteski  
Denise Rogers  
Jim Rogers  
Louie Roman  
Cyndy Rose  
Dan Rose





Greg Rose  
Pete Routsolas  
Jerry Rubush  
John Russell  
Greg Sallwoszczyk  
Robin Sanko  
Junior Santos  
Mary Santos

Yvette Savich  
Bob Scheub  
Kim Schloterbeck  
Marc Schmidt  
Janice Schnick  
Joe Schreiber  
John Schreiber  
Walt Schreiner

Melissa Schulze  
Greg Schuster  
Lynda Schutz  
Susan Scott  
Nadene Sever  
Mike Shayotovich  
John Sheehy  
Angie Shelton

Brian Shimley  
Erin Shinabarger  
Teresa Silva  
Steve Simmons  
Bill Stade  
Ben Smallman  
Leigh Smith  
Norman Smith

## Class of '85



"The game was really close and I am just thankful to all the guys who pitched in and helped coach us."

Kim Boatner,  
junior

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Because pep sessions were so successful, we should have more of them."

Christine Daniels,  
junior

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## —Class of '85—

Penny Smith  
Karen Smolnický  
Lawrence Soderlund  
Jeff Sopczak  
Rob Spangler  
Teresa Spencer  
Susan Spitz  
Becky Spurlock



Carrole Stanik  
Biljana Stefanovic  
Alex Stefoski  
Stephanie Stelingner  
Scott Stevens  
Jeff St. Germain  
Alex Stojanovski  
Linda Stoltz

Kim Stone  
Bret Storey  
Lori Strong  
Diane Stryczek  
Ken Swift  
Jani Szymaszek  
Mike Takis  
Gus Tasicas

John Tavaras  
Scott Terek  
Mickey Tesanovich  
Sandra Tharp  
Luanna Thomas  
Brenda Tompkins  
Kathy Thompson  
Mark Thompson



Tracie Thurman  
Dawn Timmons  
Steve Tokars  
Paul Tomak  
Angie Traficante  
Patti Trzaska  
Scott Tuff  
Jerry Tyler



Larry Underwood  
Buzz Underwood  
Kathy Urban  
Tammy VanScyck  
Scott Vantil  
Donna Vasques  
Mario Vassquez  
Tim Verbancic



Dan Vespo  
Chris Villagran  
Dino Vitalone  
Kevin Vite  
Ron Vlasic  
Shawn Vowell  
Laura Vrtlikapa  
Bob Vullanic



Jenny Walther  
Liz Wardell  
Wayne Warn  
George Webb  
Chris Welch  
John Wengel  
Lisa Westcott  
Shelly Westphal



Charlene Wharton  
Rich Whittemore  
Chris Wieser  
Dan Wilke  
Diane Wilk  
Matt Wilk  
Kim Winter  
Al Wirtes



Becky Wirtz  
Holly Woźniak  
Loral Wright  
Diana Wriston  
Mike Xidis  
John Yagelski  
Bill Yakovetz  
Ed Yonker



Jill Yura  
Tracy Zajdel  
Julie Zale  
Pete Zarakas  
Elaine Zaronis  
Bob Zavacky  
Mike Zellers  
Bob Zemlik



Isabel Zezovski  
Kim Zimmerman  
Lori Zimmerman

"We tried to provide leadership and establish the Sophomore Class as a part of MHS."

Margie Gianikos,  
Sophomore Class Treasurer

Sophomore Class Officers: Front Row — Susie Lax, secretary; Frank Grynovich, president.  
Back Row — Margie Gianikos, treasurer;  
Michelle Sikula, secretary.



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## Class of '86

Juliene Adams  
Kimberly Albach  
Edward Alexander  
John Allen  
Alisa Ampeliotis  
Scott Anderson  
George Angelov  
Robert Antala



Mary Arena  
Eric Austin  
Deanna Baehler  
Jenny Bailey  
Jodie Balsden  
Antonette Banashak  
Michael Barnack  
Allen Bartley



Pamela Basile  
Chris Battali  
Sherry Belinsky  
Leanne Bell  
Brigitte Belmonte  
Sylvie Belmonte  
Tim Benson  
Melissa Berrier



Lisa Berry  
Amy Best  
Timothy Blanco  
Annette Bills  
Karen Binnis  
Michelle Bishop  
James Blitner  
Amy Black



Julia Blackburn  
Kelly Blankinship  
Ernie Bodraszic  
Yvonne Boone  
Laura Bova  
Beth Bowen  
Don Brant  
Andre Breault



Rebecca Brooks  
Jeff Brown  
Mia Brownewell  
Tina Bryant  
Joe Budner  
Michele Bult  
Dennis Bunda  
Daniel Burns





Ritchie Cain  
Trevor Calhoun  
Maria Cammarata  
Richard Cannon  
Jennifer Cantu  
Tina Capua  
Donald Carlson  
Tina Carrigan



Rodney Chabal  
Geoffrey Chidsey  
Maria Christos  
Matthew Churilla  
Steve Civanich  
Janet Clarke  
Christopher Cochran  
Bobby Collins



Michael Comerford  
Andrew Constantines  
Brenda Cookston  
Bill Costakis  
Lenee Cozmanoff  
Kathy Crowder  
Chris Crownover  
Carlos Cruz



Coleen Cruz  
Sava Cucuz  
Christine Cunningham  
Bradley Curcio  
David Currier  
Samantha Dalkilic  
Allen Daniel  
William Daniel



Richard D'Asto  
Eileen Dawson  
Mike Dee  
Renee Deere  
Michael Demakas  
Timothy Demmon  
Paul Desefano  
Michael Dinatale



Dwayne Dittoe  
Dragica Djinovich  
Ana Dobrjevic  
Sheri Doeling  
Angela Donahue  
John Drake  
Lynn Drennan  
Domora Dubowski



Karen Dudak  
Donald Dunn  
Dave Dzwizinski  
Kara East  
Donna Eaves  
Timothy Ellis  
Linda Elsner  
Tammy Erdelles



Naomi Espravnik  
Dan Evans  
Kenneth Evansy  
Diane Favretto  
Tamara Fazekas  
Bess Ferentinos  
Joseph Ferdinand  
Janet Fernandez



Cynthia Feterick  
Susan Filippone  
John Flannery  
Scott Flamme  
Sherida Fraley  
David Fryer  
Lisa Funder  
Shawn Gallagher

**Steve Gallegos**  
**Deanean Gallo**  
**Anthony Galoozis**  
**Dora Garcia**  
**John Garcia**  
**Sue Garden**  
**Anna Garza**  
**Lisa Gatlin**



**David Gee**  
**Karle Geib**  
**Melissa George**  
**Daniel Gerlach**  
**Margaret Gianikas**  
**Gerald Gilles**  
**Brenda Gilbotta**  
**Peter Goad**



**Jenny Gojmerac**  
**Christina Gomez**  
**Rolando Gonzalez**  
**Tracy Goodman**  
**Harry Gornick**  
**Kevin Govert**  
**Carol Gruber**  
**Frank Grynovich**



**Camille Guba**  
**Michelle Gullien**  
**Bob Gustafson**  
**Paula Guy**  
**John Guzman**  
**Eugenia Haiklas**  
**Dawn Haisley**  
**Mark Hamilton**



**Peter Hebert**  
**Rick Hendrickson**  
**Stacy Higgins**  
**Mary Kate Hill**  
**Daniel Hines**  
**Barbara Hippie**  
**Shane Hisle**  
**Brian Nixon**



**Susan Hotterberg**  
**Brian Holland**  
**Jonna Homolia**  
**Kimberly Horst**  
**Dave Howarth**  
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**David Hudock**  
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Class of '86

## Parents, clubs welcome MHS sophomores



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For many sophomores, orientation was their way of finding out what high school life was really like.

Approximately 275 students attended the orientation. There were 100 Big Brothers and Big Sisters (upper classmen who help sophomores around the school) Robin O'Deen, junior, said, "Orientation really helped them find their way around school the first day."

A new thing that MHS also did was take I.D. pictures at orientation instead of at lunch. If sophomores didn't get them taken, they were able to have them taken at lunch time during the year.

— Rose Vranisko

Waiting in line, Sandy Manis, sophomore, attends the Sophomore Orientation lunch. Martha Otterbacher, parent, serves the BBQ that was prepared by MHS parents to Sandy.

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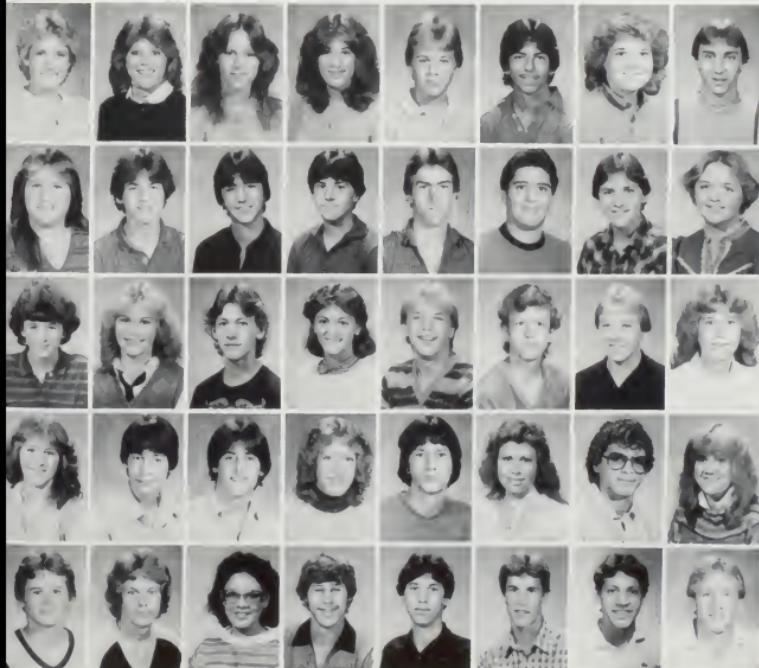
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"The high school is a lot bigger than the junior high, but I had no trouble finding my way around."

**Karen Koystal,  
Sophomore**

With their combinations in hand, Karen Koystal and Shirley Price, sophomores, try to open up their lockers.

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**Curt Sylwestrowicz**  
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**Keith Tarchala**  
**Jean Tasicas**



## Class of '86

### Sophomores order rings to show identity

It was Sept. 22 and sophomores crowded around two tables in the auditorium lobby. It was time to order a class ring.

In the 1983 school year, the companies were Balfour and Jostens. They were chosen by a selection committee consisting of three students, two parents and a teacher.

Three companies came and gave a presentation to the committee, who had a week to decide which ones were best. Then the committee gave their recommendation.

The committee decided on two companies so they would compete against

each other. "This way you'll get the best product for the least amount," said Tom Herbert, assistant principal.

Some people bought their class rings from a jeweler, but many bought them from school.

Kathie Crowder, sophomore, commented, "Josten's had more of a selection."

Karen Pearson, sophomore, said "I liked the unique designs that Balfour had."

Many people bought their class rings from school, such as Michelle Burns, junior. She said, "It was easier to obtain. You didn't have to drive all the way to a jeweler."

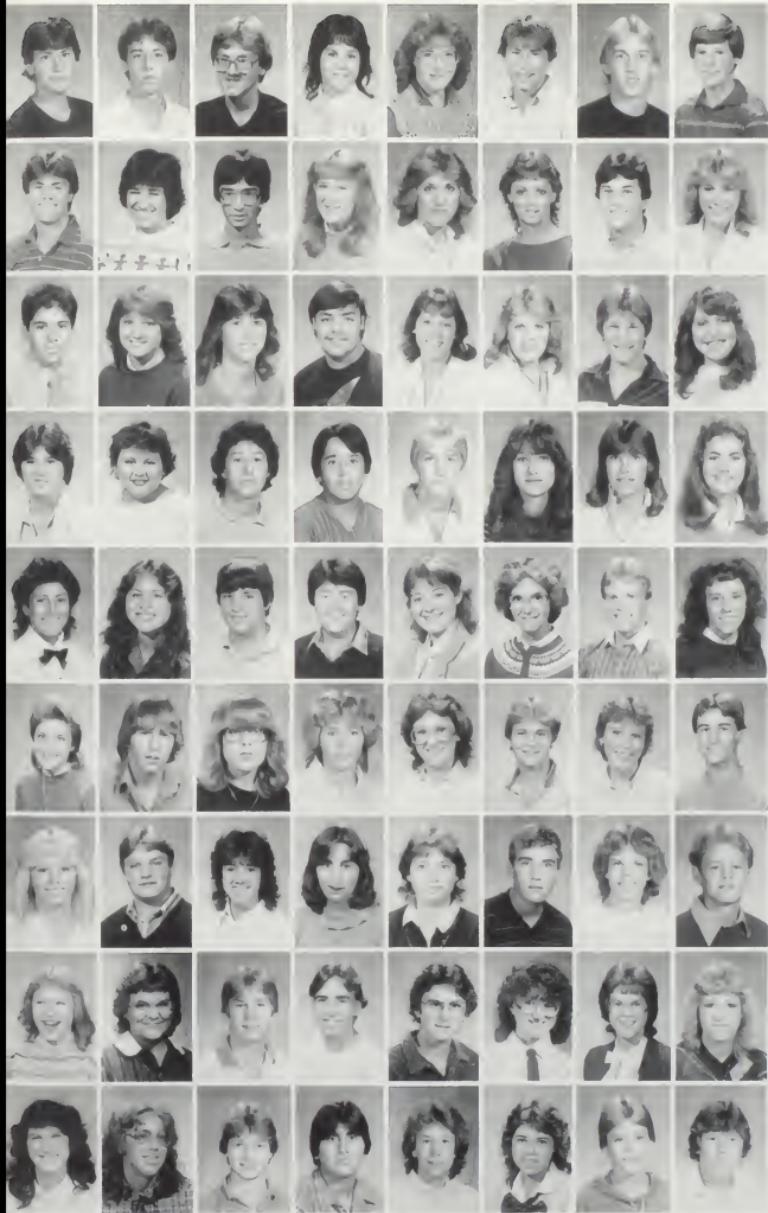
Lisa Westcott, junior, said, "I got mine from a jeweler because the prices were lower."

For every class ring ordered from these companies, \$5 went to the Student Activities Fund to support activity days and awards.

People buy class rings for different reasons. Nadene Sever, junior, said, "I bought mine because I wanted to remember my high school days."

Others bought rings because everyone else did or because they could create it themselves.

— Robin Sanko



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Hodorek, Doris Rodgers, Audrey Franz.



Even though the hours for the juniors were cut,  
Carol Wojciechowski still managed to keep the  
classrooms clean.



## Support staff suffers cuts in man power

Making new adjustments and cutting corners have become a part of everyday life. The economy has even affected the staff at MHS.

One specific category was the custodian personnel. Along with actual layoffs, 123 hours of custodian schedules was reduced to 101 hours per day.

Paul Schuyler, principal stated, "The declining enrollment of students caused these cutbacks of all classification units, such as teachers, administrators, secretaries and custodians." The custodians were the last to be cut.

Since this reduction was made, the line of work the custodians do was altered somewhat in order to equalize for lost hours and personnel. The staff was allowed to clean some classrooms every other night. However, the emptying of wastepaper baskets and picking up remained in the routine.

Mr. Jim Edgcomb, history teacher, replied, "Cleanliness is a reflection of pride in a school. Whenever anyone tries to diminish that, they are undercutting the education process. Students do better in clean surroundings as shown in both behavior and academic accomplishments."

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Guidance secretary, Barb Richter, types up one of the many letters to teachers.

Secretary Shirley Barclay carefully checks the attendance list.

A physical examination is required for all sophomores. Here school nurse Dolores Poxon checks Kerry Ulpatel's, sophomore, blood pressure.







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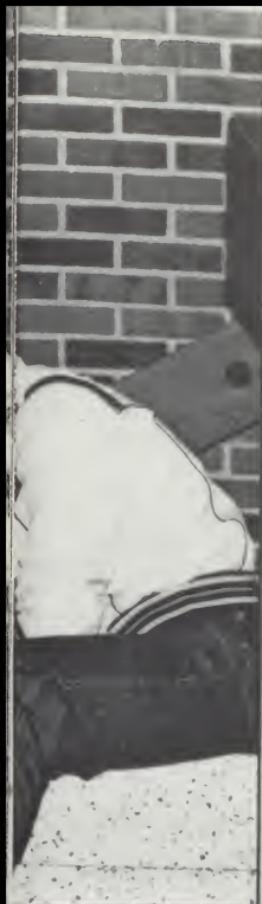
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## Watch us eye the future

### Watch us.

Watch us play.

1984 was a fun filled year, starting with a rainy Homecoming Week and ending with underclass scheduling and senior end of the year activities.

Laura Vrtikapa, junior, stated, "Scheduling for next year's classes gets me out of regular classes, but it's a big hassle because there aren't enough classes offered for enough hours. I'm just glad I don't have to do it anymore."

Lisa Maletta, senior, stated, "Senior Breakfast was great because it was the last time the class of '84 really got to be together at MHS."

Watch us learn.

Six MHS students competed in an academic Decathlon in Los Angeles. Lenny Pysh, Angie Cristo, and Bob Stephan, seniors, Al Wirtes, Denise Bezick, and Scott Terek, juniors, competed in the Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity categories of the Decathlon.

"The Decathlon was an excellent opportunity for students to combine fun and learning. It was a great experience," stated Bezick, junior.

### Watch us!

Making out schedules for their senior year Jennifer Larson and Sue Jatzak, Juniors, work together.

Enjoying a romantic evening of Prom in Scott Duffy, junior, and his date take advantage of the refreshments.

Performing their Beach Boys routine in the Spring Concert are the MHS Vocalteens.

Typing her story for a yearbook deadline is Janice Lilly, senior.





## MHS students displays achievements

### **Watch us.**

Watch us grow.

End of the year activities for clubs at MHS included such things as field trips and banquets.

"Banquets are very special occasions. They give us the opportunity to acknowledge those students who have worked hard the year round. My senior Thespian and choral banquets were very special to me and I will remember them all the days of my life," commented Jessie Mae King,

senior.

### **Watch us win.**

Everyone watched MHS sports win in 1984.

We had two state champions. They were in wrestling and gymnastics.

### **Watch us.**

MHS helped students develop their own personalities.

"It was really different coming to MHS, because there were more people, and the school was bigger. But I like MHS much better than junior high school," stated Dan

Burns, sophomore.

### **Watch us play.**

Watch us learn.

Watch us grow.

Watch us win.

### **Watch us!**

*Sharing a quiet moment by their lockers in the morning are Candy Rathjens, sophomore, and Dan French, junior.*

*Rade Petrovich, senior, jumps for joy during the last week of school for seniors.*

*Showing his talent for piano playing at the Revue '84 is Dave DeStefano, senior.*

*During a track meet Darren DeBoy, junior, passes the baton to Mark Dimitri, senior.*





## Watch us!

### **Watch us.**

Watch us in 1984. We definitely were not the depersonalized people George Orwell predicted we would be in his book **1984**.

Even while helping and caring for each other, MHS students showed that they can each have their own personalities.

"There are so many different groups at MHS, but the intermingling between them helps me to associate with a lot of different people," said Steve Meus, junior.

Jocks.

Punkers.

Intellectuals.

All of these separate groups of students at MHS were united through one factor.

We are all students at MHS.

Another big part of MHS were the teachers and administrators, who were always there to help.

John Sabo, senior, stated, "Most of the teachers at MHS are really nice and understanding, and they try to help you if you have problems."

**Watch us!**

— Laurell Evans, editor



Arriving at school for the last time at commencement are Dawn Spiroff and Linda Kruppa, seniors.





